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Pavilion Plan Ready for Decision

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Boise State University's student body has a demonstrated need to raise student fees \$50 per semester as revenue base for an on-campus, multi-purpose student activities center ("pavilion") immediately, says a 52-page report released to the State Board of Higher Education by a BSU study committee this week.

While the report carefully avoids architectural description of such a structure (it gives no seating capacity requirement or specific site location) it recommends a structure similar to the multi-purpose facilities at Weber State University, the University of Utah and Utah State University where seating capacity ranges from 15,000 (U. Utah) to 10,200 (Utah State).

Another hint to the kind of audience capacity is in a section that liberally quotes veteran student Program Board worker and advisor Bob Hoppe. He cites the repeated missed opportunities for students here to see major touring concert artists due to inadequate "booking facilities" demanded by those artists.

Facilities where those major shows are successfully booked, he notes, are on university campuses with seating capacities of at least ten-thousand ticket buyers.

In another significant statement, the report insists on the need for BSU students to be the major financing agency and operator of such a facility "on or very near to BSU".

"If private contributions are received, they should in no way cause the facility to change its function from that of primarily serving the student body," the report declares in its opening page.

In that language and other passages, the 16-person committee claims that their five-month study proves enough student activity and education-based needs to keep a major "pavilion" in efficient, daily use without major reliance on "other public events uses".

BSU Will Keep Building Busy

Such needs, the report lists, include:

[1] Academic and activity spaces to accommodate physical education needs of the student body, today and in the future;

[2] Spaces for intramurals, informal recreation and other individual leisure time activities;

[3] Multi-purpose flexibility to develop present and future growth in the women's athletic program;

[4] Sufficient seating to accommodate both spectator sport and large performing groups of musicians, dancers and concert entertainers for years to come;

[5] Ability to offer daily meeting and clubroom facilities [for groups under fifty persons] that can be "accessible to users without opening up the entire multi-purpose facility"; or useable while other multi-purpose spaces are in use at the same time;

[6] Convertible design that would allow the major assembly area to be effective for use by large organization gatherings such as state band competitions, public school teacher conventions, audiences to major national speakers.

[7] A sufficiently attractive design and schedule system that would allow rental use by groups not directly affiliated with university needs. Such rentals could either help finance pavilion operation or assist in debt retirement, the report notes.

Two key points appear as running

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Students OK Pavilion Hike

On a questionnaire distributed during registration week, Boise State's incoming students voted overwhelmingly to use any increase in student fees to provide a multi-purpose activities center.

Asked to choose between putting increased fee revenues into the university's regular operating fund or putting the money into a special student-use building, the students chose the latter alternative by a seventy-six percent margin.

When they were next asked to describe "what kind of" student-use building they would prefer, 2,828 voters chose a "multi-purpose facility" housing various student activities, while 830 selected "a general classroom building".

While the questionnaire did not list a specific price tag for the buildings mentioned, it did advise students that "fees at BSU may be raised".

JFAC Sharp On Budget

Underlining his role as an emerging "management-conscious" force in Higher Education budgeting, Joint Finance and Appropriation Committee Co-Chairman Larry Jackson gavelled that key committee through what President John Barnes calls "the best budget hearing I've attended" last week.

Evidence that Jackson and Senator Richard High have encouraged a new committee attention to budget "homework" prepared by state fiscal analysts came in both the absence of aimless discussion and the presence of some sharp ones, thought BSU officials who attended.

They Like Comparisons

At one point, committee members listened carefully while University of Idaho President Ernest Hartung pleaded for moderation in what he called a growing demand for "accountability" in higher education.

Hartung ticked off reasons why education is accountable for other than fiscal reports.

Committee members nodded understanding, but insisted that they like the fiscal digging being done by their own analysts as guides to seeing "the whole picture" of education costs at all state institutions.

Co-Chairman Jackson shows his grasp of budgeting intricacies when he asked the State Board members about their disbursement policies that follow each

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WHY BSU NEEDS MORE ROOM for special events and major sports attractions is evident in packed house, standing room only scenes like Saturday's ISU-BSU basketball clash. Turn-away crowds are commonplace at major events like this when building facilities are stretched to hazardous limits.

BSU Tells Five Fiscal Goals For '78

Two old problems and three new challenges for Boise State University received priority attention this month as the university's budget needs for 1977-78 were officially delivered to the

scrutiny of the Idaho legislature's current session.

With key support from the State Board of Higher Education, BSU President John Barnes appeared before the legislature's money-minded Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee to ask special budget funds over normal operating levels to give BSU a boost in five special areas:

New Opportunities

(1) To complete installation of a four-year baccalaureate degree program for registered nurses, one of Idaho's most popular higher education offerings for nursing professionals (\$72,000);

(2) To provide faculty needed for BSU's Masters of Secondary Education degree program that is aimed at preparing Idaho teachers for possible tougher certification standards throughout state elementary and secondary districts (\$103,100);

Old Problems

(3) To ease student-faculty teaching ratios in the university's most crowded

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Pavilion Income Predicted

Income from concessions, athletic events and special events held in the proposed BSU multi-purpose pavilion would pay almost three-quarters of annual operating cost for such a structure, predicts the BSU Pavilion Study Committee report issued this week.

In an operating expenses and incomes table in the report's appendix, the committee estimated potential revenues of \$105,000 annually from the facility. Total operating expenditure for the facility, including salaries for a general manager, ticket manager, three custodians, a secretary and various student assistant wages would total \$145,000,

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... pavilion report summarized here

themes in the report that will now await discussion and action on its recommendations from the State Board of Education.

First, the report insists over and over that BSU resources in revenue bond capacity and potential scheduled uses can and should dominate design, location and operation of the plant "on or very near" the campus.

But the report carefully leaves "available" use of the facility for such "town and gown" events as Boise Philharmonic concerts, Boy Scouts jamborees, Idaho civic opera efforts, major high school music and sports events, touring professional shows and sports contests of interest to the general public.

The latter, the committee concluded, can be accommodated as "plus" advantage to the general community and an extra financial fillip for students who would be paying the major share of bonding costs.

While the committee study makes much of the feasibility for the pavilion being based in current BSU on-campus activities, it notes some opportunities for "development" of new activities through such a structure.

BSU campus could attract and present for university and public audiences national display shows that now skip this area, the report predicts.

Student attendance for "off-Broadway" roadshow theatricals, indoor track and field events and involvement in Idaho and regional political conventions are logical expansions of student cultural and social experience here, with an adequate facility to attract such bookings, it says.

While BSU Grew, Gym Didn't

In a section devoted to present facilities for student activities and entertainment events, on campus, the report comes down hard on what it calls the "very inadequate" conditions for these uses at the present gym.

Twenty-year old Bronco gym, the report recalls, was built for a seated capacity of 3,600, with three general purpose classrooms and athletic/p.e. offices, when Boise Junior College had a student population of one thousand students.

Headcount at BSU is now over twelve times that original population while the gym's capacity for athletic and cultural presentations has stayed fixed, it notes.

A recent "shutdown" of the gym for use by touring musical shows that draw large, excited audiences makes BSU a closed campus to many forms of entertainment enjoyed at competing colleges and universities, the report explains.

Another historic campus "events" building long since outgrown by BSU growth, says the report, is the handsome Music Auditorium, built in 1941.

Outdated, too small and poorly ventilated, the building is slated for demolition and replacement by a BSU Fine Arts & Humanities building on the same "prime" site as a future plan. It has little use for immediate needs, the report concludes.

Wind, Weather Chill Attendance

While the report lauds the example of university enrichment and community benefits from Bronco stadium, it notes past occasions when that facility has been over-extended for use as site for events better held indoors.

University commencement exercises are plagued at Bronco Stadium by windy, chill spring weather; outdoor concerts have suffered serious financial loss when unpredictable weather discouraged potential fans, the report recalls.

Two other buildings with activities and physical education uses noted in the report are the "annex" physical education building and the new BSU Speccenter.

The former is an excellent physical education facility for some programs,

School	1975 Enrollment	Name of Facility	Number of Seats		Date First Occupied	Cost	Source of Funds
			Basketball	Concerts			
1. BSU	9,804	Bronco Gym	3,675	4,000	1956	\$ 511,496	District Bond Issue
2. Colorado State	17,150	Aud - Gym	9,520	9,520	1967	\$ 1,600,000	Student fee revenue bond
3. U of Utah	24,000	Special Events Center	15,000	15,000	1967	\$ 4,700,000	Unknown
4. ISU	5,875	Mini Dome	13,000	15,000	1970	\$ 3,200,000	Student fee revenue bond
5. Montana State	9,000	Fieldhouse	10,000	9,000	1957	\$ 1,750,000	Student fee revenue bond; income from events
6. N. Arizona U.	11,500	Sky Dome	12,200	10,200	1977	\$ 8,000,000	Student fee revenue bond; state appropriations
7. U. C. Davis	17,000	Rec. Hall	9,000 to 10,000	Same	1977	\$ 8,500,000	Student fee revenue bond; private contributions
8. U of Idaho	8,170	Kibbie Activity Center	6,000 to 10,000	5,000 to 20,000	1975	\$ 7,840,000	Student fees; reserves; private gifts
9. Weber State	9,485	Dee Events Center	12,000	12,000	1977	\$11,100,000	Student fee revenue bond; income from events
10. Wyoming	8,718	Memorial Fieldhouse	11,000	11,000	1952	\$ 1,533,333	Private - State Bond Issue, Int. on Deposits
11. U of Montana	8,252	Harry Adams Fieldhouse	9,300	7,800	1953 renewal - 1972	\$ 1,000,000	Student fee; private contributions
12. Utah State U.	9,000	Spectrum	10,200	8,000	1970	\$ 2,994,400	Student fee revenue bond

but was not designed with proper ceiling heights for basketball or volleyball, the report notes. That limits this building to uses for wrestling, individual leisure time gym games, physical fitness exercises and the major swimming pool use.

The Speccenter is the most specialized student use building of the lot, the report explains. Designed as a fixed-seating, acoustically-excellent small auditorium "it cannot help to solve the space needs for activities which are generally feasible only in a larger, multi-purpose activity building".

"Togetherness" Vital On Urban Campus

At BSU's urban, mobile-student populated campus, a core to the sense of university "togetherness" are the eighty-eight clubs and organizations that bind students into social and cultural interest groups, the report stresses, in its third chapter.

Present overcrowding of all BSU buildings to meet academic requirements has driven many of these clubs and organizations out of former meeting places, or prevented additions of important new social groups and organizations to the campus society, the student members of the committee write.

Further, the student committee people report, the need to hold a continuous series of musical and social events that allow BSU's often-transient students a place to "convene" and "get together", is a critical requirement.

Economics and safety problems plague student program planners trying to meet those demands, they say.

History of Attendance at BSU Musical Events 1973-1976

Gym Capacity—3,600

1973	John Denver	Maximum: 3,600
1973	Crosby/Nash	2,800
1974	Carpenters	3,600
1974	Eagles	3,600
1974	Seals & Croft	3,400
1974	Up With People	3,600
1974	Elvin Bishop	2,800
1975	Johnny Cash	3,600
1975	Roy Clark	3,600
1975	Edgar Winters	3,600
1975	Neil Sedaka	3,600
1975	Harry Chapin	1,500
1975	Steven Sills	2,500
1975	Purple Sage	3,000
1976	Merle Haggard	3,600

"Because of these circumstances, I have personally watched concert engagements slip away from Boise State University . . . our region loses two to four notable and worthwhile performers yearly, because we cannot provide a

large, quality facility," testified one student member.

Support for this view came from Idaho State University, where an ISU program director supported the BSU student's claim of major concerts "slipping away" due to Idaho's uneconomic tour potential.

"It would be very helpful if Boise State University had a facility . . . which could hold about 9,000 to 10,000 for major . . . attractions," the ISU student said.

To tie down the point, BSU program planners provided past figures on BSU-sponsored concerts to show that present seating capacity on campus or anywhere else in Boise limits opportunity for all students to even get into such concerts.

Many Just Can't Get In

In Chapter III, the report cites past attendance data on major sports events on campus as evidence that many students are being denied access to those leisure and social opportunities, as well.

Need for students to pick up basketball tickets on a two-day advance basis is

Student Fee Comparison

[From Exhibit 9, Pavilion Committee Report]

University of Idaho	\$217
Idaho State University	\$205
Boise State University	\$183
Lewis-Clark State College	\$160

a required "nuisance" due to the large number of season tickets that have all choice seats tied down, the report notes.

Yet while BSU is the larger in population that seven of twelve "comparison" institutions in Idaho, Montana, Utah and Arizona studied by the committee, its gymnasium event seating capacity is the smallest of all twelve, its structure is the oldest of all twelve studied, the report lists.

Women Athletes Cramped, Hassled

Women's sports potential is discussed in the report as a major justification for a new multi-purpose facility with arena and practice facilities for such development.

Now, says the report, one of the university's fastest-growing activities still houses its coach in a converted gym storeroom.

Practice schedules for women's sports are so confused and erratic due to conflicting gym uses that coaches spend "more time policing the area" and handling schedule problems than they do coaching their performers and students, the report says.

Other women's sports problems called critical by the committee include inade-

quate locker room space, a tiny store room into which all women's sport equipment must be stuffed, a too-small and ill-equipped training room, plus no room allotted for team meetings, film viewing.

In general, the report concludes, women's sports facilities are "grossly substandard".

Intramural programs at Boise State share almost identical cramped, schedule-hassle and participation problems as those listed for women's sports, according to the report's research.

"A university the size of BSU should provide its students a much broader selection of intramural and recreational activities. A new multi-purpose facility which can satisfy some of these needs is long overdue."

P.E. Already Pushed Off Campus

In physical education, an academic aspect of the problem, committee research lists a resurgence of interest in P.E. as another force for the multi-purpose need.

BSU students now total over three thousand credit hours of instruction in P.E., the report says. To meet the load on the two gyms, some P.E. classes have already been forced off-campus to rental rooms around the Boise area, the report says.

All basic needs in all "critical use" area cited by the report could be cured within financial resources of the university student body and income potentials of the facility as a rental operation to non-university groups, the report claims.

Key to funding a multi-purpose facility of the scope described by the committee would be utilization of a twenty-five year revenue bond, to be backed by income from student fees during the period.

BSU administrators included a financial analysis section to the report. That produced a recommended fee increase of \$50, to the existing \$183 annual BSU student fee, to meet such a bonding program requirements.

Sees Pavilion Key

BSU Athletic Director Lyle Smith calls the proposed BSU pavilion a "giant step in putting BSU on athletic parity with almost any institution in the west."

Major contribution of the facility to intercollegiate activity in his department, says Smith, would be possible host roles to tournaments in both men's and women's basketball.

Smith said there could be major increases of "non-controlled" court use by local basketball enthusiasts, also.

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school's "decision unit" budget actions by the JFAC.

How Long For BSU?

Committee member Representative Paul Worthen raised even a stickier data-based question when he waved a fact sheet prepared by the Governor's fiscal experts that shows how each of the four-year state schools compares in state budget support in dollars for each full-time equivalent (FTE) student.

(see editorial page)

The report, he noted, reveals that Boise State University is the only institution in the group "well below" the average of FTE support dollars calculated for all four schools.

Since 1973, when the budget support comparison system began, he noted, BSU has ranged from twenty-five to thirty-percent below "parity" (the average of FTE support dollars for all four).

At the same time, he noted, sister universities to BSU have held above the four-school average.

"Looking at the table, I can't see when BSU is ever going to catch up to even the average of support that the people are paying for all these schools," he said.

He asked the state board's "catch up" policy be explained.

Alford Cites History

Speaking for the board, Higher Education Trustee A. L. "Butch" Alford listed several reasons for BSU's lagging position on the comparison sheet.

He cited BSU's "incredibly high building occupancy rate" due to its double-shifting for night school as one reason for BSU's apparent efficiency superiority on the table.

He pointed to historic factors:

"Idaho State University was heavily funded for buildings before BSU entered the state system. There simply hasn't been the enrollment increase at ISU that might have occurred without BSU's presence, but we can't tear the buildings down now."

BSU runs on less money, he said, because many of its programs (Arts & Sciences and Education) are marked by high pupil-teacher ratios, while ISU and Idaho, in particular, operate many specialized programs in which low pupil-

teacher ratios are built-in factors and thus more costly, per student.

Lewis-Clark State College, on the other hand, is funded higher, per FTE student, than BSU because of its very small student body that creates a high overhead factor for basic facilities, he argued.

"We know that BSU is seriously underfunded," he acknowledged, but pointed out that the state board has "consistently requested additional support funds" to close the funding gap for the Boise school.

Board Fears 'Cannibalizing'

But, he insisted, "it does not follow, because BSU is underfunded, that the other institutions are 'over-funded'."

It could be wrong, he argued, to "redress a proper grievance at BSU by cannibalizing other institutions who are not over-funded in their needs."

But the discussion did seem to reflect earlier concerns by the presidents of ISU and UI that pressure is being generated on those institutions to carefully account for their current use of budget dollars allotted them.

President Coulter said ISU was moving into an active internal management study and overall program review to "see what things can be consolidated and better utilizations made of existing staff and facilities."

President Hartung of Idaho university pointed to his school's recent analysis of faculty activity in teaching, research, counselling, community service, etc.

As he complimented each institution president on their individual presentation, JFAC Chairman Jackson seemed pleased with the direction of the day's discussion.

After the session, he told Focus he could see few serious obstacles to a comparatively swift committee packaging of its key recommendations to the full legislature.

BSU Pavilion Committee Recommendations

1. That the State Board of Education approve a \$50 per semester fee for funding a student fee revenue bond of approximately \$10,000,000 over a twenty-five year period. Costs of multi-purpose facilities in recent years have been: \$7.8M at the University of Idaho in 1975; \$8.1M at Northern Arizona University in 1977; \$8.5M at the University of California Davis in 1977; and \$11.1M at Weber State College in 1977. This additional fee would place Boise State University's total fees at approximately the level of Idaho State University and the University of Idaho. [This was the unanimous recommendation of the Committee.]

2. That the Board allow the University to seek private financial assistance to supplement the above amount.

3. That a multi-purpose pavilion architect be appointed to begin preliminary design work.

4. That the multi-purpose pavilion be designed to provide the kinds of spaces described in this report which will be used by the spectrum of the student body on a daily and hourly basis.

5. That the multi-purpose pavilion be located on or adjacent to the present Boise State University campus.

6. That from these bond monies funds be reserved to complete the four unfinished handball courts that are located under the stadium which are not now usable. These facilities are needed by the general student body.



AUDITORIUM OUTLOOK for Boise civic area brightened with three new Greater Boise Auditorium board members elected January 11, all pledged to seek answer to convention center hopes. Left-right are Stan Daley, Asa Ruyle and Ed Knecht.

Million \$ Musical Chairs

Musical chairs, with a scientific flavor, will be the game to watch on the Boise State University campus when a watershed event occurs during early February — the giant shift of all science departments into new or expanded quarters

made possible by opening of the \$5-million new sciences building.

That structure, the first section of a two-building complex to house science and education studies at BSU, offers ninety-thousand square feet of new offices, classrooms, laboratories and special project areas to BSU departments of Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Nursing.

Other departments — Mathematics, Geology, Home Economics — will expand into renovated classroom, office and lab spaces to be vacated when former tenants leave the old science building for the new one.

It is all to be done in the middle of second semester. That was not the way it was planned, says Biology Chairman Dr. Russ Centanni, but that's the result of constant construction and installation delays triggered primarily by a recent statewide plumbers' union strike action.

To keep schedule confusion to a minimum, a committee that includes every campus official concerned with a successful moving operation has been monitoring construction progress and laying a careful "phasing" plan for that giant relocation project.

Committee Chairman is Herb Runner, Executive Assistant to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. From Arts & Sciences, committee members are Dr. Centanni, Mr. Jack Dalton, Chemistry; Dr. Gary Newby, Physics & Engineering; Dr. JoAnne Vahey, Nursing; Dr. Joe Spulnik, Arts & Sciences Dean.

Committee members from other campus agencies are Will Collins, Purchasing; Herb Mengel, Buildings & Grounds; Gordon Phillips, Administrative Services; along with Health Sciences Dean Dr. Vic Duke, building architect Jo LaMarche and Dr. Bullington, Executive Vice President.

First to move, when architects and contractors hand the keys to the university, will be the university's registered nursing program, along with some related nursing studies teaching aids.

That move is the first phase, says Runner, because it will move in a complete block of faculty, offices and lab equipment without major schedule interference with other operations in the old science building.

If schedules hold up, Runner thinks the nurses may be in the new building before spring break.

After that, the department of Physics will move, in as much of a one-time shift as possible, says Runner.

Last to leave their old science building quarters will be the departments of biology and chemistry.

Holz Calls Registration 'Best Yet'

Enrollment this month was "strong" compared to recent spring registration standards, but the big news was the system, as over 8,100 prospective Boise State University spring term scholars coursed through registration lines at Bronco gymnasium January 12.

"Everything went along smoother than at any spring registration I have dealt with," said BSU Registrar Suzanna Holz as her staff moved back to home quarters in the Ad Building to handle a trickle of late registrants.

Some major changes in the registration procedure that combined more personnel at key "jam-up" points than in the past were keys to the dramatic improvement in registration efficiency.

"My figures work out to an average of twenty-minutes per student for the entire registration process," reported Registrar Holz.

Last fall, as a comparison, individual students took from 40 minutes to two hours to complete the registration process, she added.

"We had six additional personnel on the floor Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, then we had nine extra people on the floor Friday night for the biggest flow period," Holz explained.

In another move from previous procedure, cash registers were located on the gym mezzanine area, away from the class sign-up operations on the main gym floor. That seemed to eliminate much of the crowding and milling on the main floor that has plagued smooth operation at previous registrations.

Registrar Holz was so pleased with the results of the current operation that she expects to use the same techniques next year. But that could be the last year before another radical shift in registration systems here.

A "Registrations Task Force" of BSU registration officials is about to put finishing touches on a computerized procedure that will eventually do away with the manual procedures now in the system.

'Big Ones'

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departments—Management & Finance and Economics (\$83,200);

(4) To catch up to a serious backlog of building and grounds repair and renovation projects that were left unattended while BSU budget dollars strained to buy more faculty for spiralling enrollment growth here (\$242,000);

(5) To buy machines and support personnel in data processing, registration and purchasing-payroll offices — all swamped with paperwork mountains caused by BSU growth and federal-state reporting demands (\$232,000).

The five requests were singled out for special explanation to the Joint Finance Committee by members of the State Board of Education and BSU President Barnes.

None drew heavy questions from JFAC members, prompting President Barnes to assume a positive view:

"I sense the legislature realizes we are simply at the end of our string in staff morale here in such overburdened areas as handling paperwork and physical plant maintenance.

"Also, it seemed that the Joint Committee has had excellent analysis work done for them by their own fiscal analysts . . . they seemed very knowledgeable about the budget details and the reasons for our requests."

Barnes called the presentation session "the best one I have attended in my years at the university." (See also JFAC story, page two.)

Pay Question 'Time Bomb': Lien

A famous California educator-politician, a Boise State University dean and BSU President John Barnes added their warnings, this week, to a growing list of predictions that faculty pay scales may be the hottest higher education issue of the coming years.

On the same day that former San Francisco State University President S. I. Hayakawa predicted major faculty protest actions for the U.S. soon, BSU School of Business Dean Charles Lien spoke darkly along the same line.

Dr. Lien's podium was as major speaker to a breakfast gathering of Idaho legislators, hosted at Boise State University by the Greater Boise Chamber of Commerce.

"Teacher unions are having a hey day" with faculty who feel unwanted and unrewarded for their contributions to education, Lien told the Idaho lawmakers.

While he stopped short of Hayakawa's description of strikes, demonstrations and other protest ugliness in colleges and universities, Dr. Lien saw a subtle destruction of university quality.

As university professors watch their spending power crushed between "inadequate" annual salary increases and "double-digit inflation", in Idaho, they lose motivation and interest in devoting a career to Idaho students, he claimed.

At BSU, said Lien, last year's \$108 average salary increase and 1.8 percent merit gain has left many professors frustrated and despondent about their economic future in the state system.

That, warned Lien, is creating "a time bomb" of resentment at BSU and throughout Idaho's university system.

In a separate statement on Lien's remarks, BSU President John Barnes acknowledged the increased success of union organization efforts on the BSU campus after last year's marginal salary increases.

"The trouble is that all this upsets the professors' dedication to his primary task... it creates a management problem that must ultimately harm the university's effective service to the student," he agreed.

Though both thought Idaho had a statewide "university salary" problem, Lien was specific about BSU's lagging situation as the worst of the lot.

He cited figures to underline his claim that BSU receives less state budget dollars, per student, than even "the most poorly supported junior college in Idaho".

The picture of top professionals flee-

ing to other jobs is clearly developing at BSU, claimed Lien.

That, he said, creates the classic disease called "organizational entropy" in which top management resources go elsewhere while less and less qualified leaders come in as replacement.

When an organization, in business or education, exports more "energy" than it brings in, "in time, it will die," he explained.

For the gathered legislators, Lien's challenge was to decide whether "we want numerous average programs, some duplicated across the state, or do we want fewer but more outstanding programs?"

"If your answer favors fewer programs, are we prepared to eliminate or reduce programs at our alma mater or our favorite regional institution which houses many of our constituents?"



Irene Burnside

Gerontologist Here Feb. 14

Nurses and health professionals statewide will have the opportunity to study under a nationally known consultant in gerontological nursing when Mrs. Irene M. Burnside comes to BSU on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

Mrs. Burnside's visit was arranged as part of BSU's continuing education program for nursing and in cooperation with BSU's department of nursing and St. Lukes, St. Alphonsus, and Mercy Medical Center hospitals.

The title of Mrs. Burnside's workshop which will run 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. is "Psychosocial Care of the Elderly." The presentation will be broad enough to appeal on an advanced care level as well as respond to individual needs.

Mrs. Burnside currently serves as consultant in nursing at the Ethel Percy Andrus Gerontological Center, UCLA. She has published six books and numerous articles relating to care of the elderly.

Publication of her book, "Psychosocial Nursing Care of the Aged", earned Mrs. Burnside the American Journal of Nursing's "Book of the Year Award" in 1974. She has also received several other awards for her service in the gerontology field.

All health care professionals are welcome to attend the workshop on Feb. 14 in the BSU Student Union Building says continuing nursing education director Paula Cummings. Parking will be available in the stadium lot.

Registration will cost twenty-five dollars and participants can pre-register by contacting Cummings, at BSU phone 385-1780. Late registration will be accepted at the door as space provides, she says.

Participation is recommended for nurses, nursing home administrators, activity directors, social workers, chaplains and anyone concerned about improving care for the aged, Cummings explained.

Rape Talk Set Feb. 2

Frederic Storaska, popular author and lecturer, will appear Feb. 2 at BSU to present his talk "How to Say 'No' to a Rapist and Survive."

Storaska, who spoke to a crowd of over 500 here last year, will be making his third appearance on the BSU campus.

He is founder and president of the National Organization for the Prevention of Rape Assault, and has authored a best-selling book with the same title as his lecture series.

Storaska's appearance, co-sponsored by Programs Board lectures and Student Residential Life office, will be at 8 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom Feb. 2. BSU students will be admitted free to the lecture, with general admission cost set at \$1.

ROTC Course Marches On

ROTC, with a few new twists from the old march and drill days, will be on the BSU campus starting next fall, announced Army officials this month.

The first year program will start with basic courses like military history, leadership and national defense. But new on the scene will be a departure from the traditional drills that were a hallmark of ROTC in the '60's.

While students won't get out of marching entirely, they will have the chance to trade some of those hours for more pleasant outdoor activities like cross country skiing, water survival and mountain climbing, says Army representative Col. Willard Alverson. Those are part of a new leadership development program started by the Army.

Once the program gets off the ground next fall, he says "we'll have something going every weekend if they want it."

Since Boise State is new to the Reserve Officer Training Corps program, the school will only offer the "basic course" for the next two years. Once students have completed that sequence of classes, BSU will expand to offer the "advanced course" that leads to an Army commission at graduation.

Students in that advanced phase of their training will receive \$100 monthly. They are also obligated for active duty service upon graduation.

Response to the new program has been good, according to BSU Executive Vice President Dr. Richard Bullington. A survey taken at fall registration indicated that 360 students would sign up for ROTC courses. A majority said ROTC at Boise State should be allowed for those students who want it.

While it is too early to tell, Alverson estimates that about 100 students will enter the program when it starts next fall. Since the full course takes four years, most of those students will be freshmen or sophomores.

In addition to the \$100 monthly in the last two years, the Army also offers other full tuition and books scholarships.

With the new approval, BSU joins the other state universities as the only schools to offer college ROTC in Idaho.



MOODS RANGE from happy to serious when students and lawmakers get together. Occasion was the annual Welcome Home Legislators Breakfast sponsored by BSU and the Boise Chamber of Commerce. Above, in friendly conversation with Rep. Gene Winchester, Kuna, is Barbie Lahtinen, Bruneau. In a serious mood as they listened to Business School Dean Charles Lien's talk on higher education were Gertrude Arnold and Rep. Kurt Johnson, both Idaho Falls, at bottom.

Everybody Likes To Use Speccenter, But....

It's great for music, but the stage is too small. It's great for theatre, but the acoustics aren't perfect. It's great for films, but the projectors keep breaking.

Those are a few examples of the mixed reviews users give BSU's one-year old Speccenter. As a campus personality, it bears the stamp of the proverbial street walker. Everybody loves to use her, but nobody wants to be a friend.

Most users do agree on one thing though: the \$1.4 million building has provided welcome relief from the hodgepodge of classrooms and old facilities that housed campus cultural events before.

But words of praise hardly have time to bounce around the building's brick interior before users hastily add qualifications.

Mostly, these have to do with scheduling.

In a nutshell, the building is too popular. Concerts, plays, and movies all vie for the same busy weekend dates. That adds up to a scheduling jam that leaves few people totally satisfied.

The man who is caught between the pressure of student and cultural groups is Steve Robertson, programs board chairman and Speccenter manager. A student himself, Robertson frankly says there "aren't enough days in the year" to get everybody in.

"Everybody wants it for their events. It's a matter of who has priority."

Most of the conflicts are ironed out during semester meetings between Robertson and the other campus groups who use the Speccenter. Student users get first priority, faculty and departments second, and community last.

Concerts Out

That means heavily attended film series, which student funds pay for, get the building on Friday and Sunday evenings. Since they are student events, they bump things like recitals and concerts also scheduled those nights. About the only concession to that policy is for drama productions, says Robertson.

The concert-films dilemma is about the most serious scheduling conflict, says Robertson. It's a situation that's bound to leave one side unhappy, but under the present policies, he can't do much about it. Neither group wants to move their event to a free week night because of the crowded parking situation caused by night school. So music is left with the older Music Auditorium for its frequent recitals and concerts.

If Boise State events don't keep the building busy, then outside groups will. Already this year it has housed things like the Boise Junior Miss Pageant and the Antique Festival Theatre.

This spring the National Guard and Boise Opera Guild have already booked the building.

Robertson's March calendar speaks for itself; three operas, Miss BSU Pageant, foreign films on Fridays and pop films on Sundays are already on tap.

One reason for the open arms welcome to outside groups is the \$250 nightly rental fee that goes into the Speccenter's operations budget. It's used to replace lights and pay other expenses.

At \$17 each, huge stage lights are expensive. One malfunction last summer caused \$600 worth of bulb replacements. Rentals help make up those payments.

Directors Like It

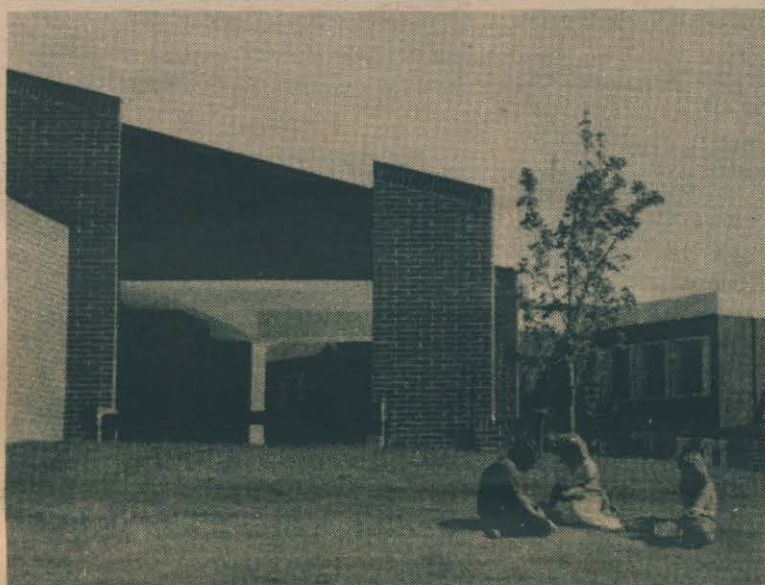
Once discussions end about the tricky scheduling problems, 'Center users nearly all heap praise on the building, with its electronic sophistication and comfortable setting.

Director John Best, who has used it twice for orchestra concerts, is typical in his comments.

He says response from musicians and their audiences has been "glowing." As the only air conditioned concert facility in Boise, he says a summer concert there attracted many people who probably would have stayed home otherwise.

In musical terms, he explains that the building gives sound a "diffused" quality.

"You have the feeling that sound is all around you. Orchestra instruments blend together very well," he says.



The Speccenter is more intimate, he adds, than the older Music Auditorium, whose poor acoustics give sounds a "raw" quality.

For orchestra, the back five rows are ideal, he hints.

Theatre Benefits

That differs for drama productions, says director Charles Lauterbach, who last used the Speccenter for "The Matchmaker." To hear voice projections, the fourth row is best, he says.

The theatre arts program is one that has benefited more than most from the move to new facilities.

The Speccenter is so much more versatile than the old Subal Theatre that directors can be more free in play selection. With its limited stage and lack of rigging, the Subal could not be used for productions that required quick set changes or elaborate staging like "South Pacific" or "Romeo and Juliet".

Those days are over. The Speccenter's huge backstage and fly gallery give theatre technicians almost unlimited freedom compared to the Subal, says Lauterbach. "It's given us all a morale

boost," says Lauterbach. "For our students, it's widened their horizons. Now they can see stage techniques happen where before they could only read about them."

With its complicated lighting system and only partially rigged fly gallery, Lauterbach says the potential of the building is still untapped.

Acoustics So So

When performers and directors talk about technical problems in the building, they usually focus on its acoustics. One bug that drew early complaints was noise from the heating system. That was easily solved when installers returned to slow down the fans.

Directors say some acoustical problems come from performers who stand in the stage house area. Sounds there are absorbed by the surrounding back stage walls, and don't reach the audience with full volume.

The cure for that is just around the corner. A set of sound panels will soon be mounted to backstage walls. They should keep voices from bouncing and help get better tones to the audience.

THAT BSU's Speccenter was a busy place for university artists during its first year was recorded by Focus photographer Chuck Scheer. Opening night Spoon River Anthology, bottom conductor John Best's orchestra, right, and "The Matchmaker" were only a few events that happened inside while sloped lawn provided a summertime place to relax.



Architect Rich Williams, who visited several Northwest theatre facilities before designing the Speccenter, says a cyclorama which encloses the backstage in a semi-circle of curtains would also help the acoustics. But funds for that addition are a long way down the road.

Inspectors, including Williams and BSU projects director Palmer Putnam, gave the Speccenter passing marks when they went through it to iron out defects before the warranty expired on its first birthday.

Aside from the usual sticky doors and minor repairs, inspectors found nothing serious to correct.

According to those who know the building best, it has been a boon to the campus. Audiences attracted by the Speccenter's comfortable seats have picked up for most events.

But users all say the Speccenter's best days are ahead of it. Then, when more theatre extras can be added and the complicated lighting system mastered, it will reach its full potential as Idaho's newest multi-purpose building.

FOCUS Perspective

Comparison Invites Caution

Because they raised so many eyebrows around the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee room when Representative Paul Worthen first waved them to public attention, the figures in the box, upper right corner of this page, deserve comment here. Our only aim is to give them both deeper meaning and to surround them with appropriate caution.

First, a word about their history. Joint Finance Committee Chairman Larry Jackson says this comparison of state budget expenditures, per "full-time enrolled student", supporting students at each of Idaho's universities and Lewis-Clark State College were provided by Larry Schlicht chief budget analyst for the office of Governor Cecil Andrus.

That, certainly, gives the form some objective weight. It also has the healthy effect of keeping legislative minds squarely on the major higher education problem before them. The problem is how to protect the equitable share of each Idaho university student in the support due them from taxpayers, while at the same time maintaining overall budget sanity in a state already nervous about costs at all education levels.

Without question, Boise State University is clearly shown by the apparently objective analysis to be, as Higher Education Trustee A. L. Alford flatly acknowledged at the Joint Committee hearing "seriously underfunded." Alford, however, spoke directly to that other side of the problem, with commendable frankness and lucidity, when he warned against twisting logic that might assume the other state institutions, by the comparison, seem "over funded". It is a caution to be weighed carefully.

We did some swift and approximate arithmetic to define this dilemma. We took the "weighted average" support figure for the 1977 budget year (far right column) as the "goal" towards which the board would surely like to push BSU per student funding as swiftly as possible. If that "parity" goal figure (\$1963 per student) is laid alongside BSU's present per student position in 1977 (\$1411) and this current status subtracted from the "goal" figure, the difference to be made up amounts to \$552 per student. It can easily be multiplied (\$552 times the number of FTE students at BSU) and computed that someone, from somewhere, would have to come up with at least \$4-million that is NOT currently budgeted for higher education to reach that goal.

How to close that awesome gap to insure for BSU's fair needs is purely and simply the dilemma of this decade and, doubtless, the next, for the State Board, the legislature and, ultimately, the citizens of Idaho. BCH

Too Big, Too Far Away

Almost forgotten, in the late-January rush of news stories and anticipation about a Boise State University multi-purpose pavilion recommendation to the State Board of Education, was another move towards a civic center for the Boise community area.

On January 11, residents of the Greater Boise Auditorium district revived that agency's interest in such a structure by (1) electing three new directors who spoke openly about a civic auditorium "somewhere near downtown Boise"; and (2) selected a "multi-purpose auditorium" concept as the voter's choice.

The distinction between that project and the one being proposed by the BSU Pavilion Feasibility Committee is clear, but oft blurred in public talk about the two projects.

If we read the downtown leaders' statements correctly, they are talking about a building that would lean heavily on commercial event and trade show uses, with a relatively massive seating capacity, to satisfy the city's needs of a 200-thousand population area.

Seating capacity would surely be in the 18,000 to 20,000 range—much larger than anything envisioned for needs of the BSU student body. Operations would lean heavily on such typical civic center concessions as beer and spirits to furnish events revenues necessary to "carry" the repayment schedule. Major uses would reserve key dates for trade shows, commercial displays and other activities aimed at the economic well-being of the community's retail and trade firms who will be major taxpayers in support of the structure.

It seems apparent that there is little comparison between that concept and the one suggested in the BSU Committee Report for a campus pavilion. Here, uses are almost totally educational and student activity oriented.

Major musical and theatrical events scheduled by ASBSU programs board; women's physical education and intercollegiate athletics; mens' p.e. and athletics; student intramural competition, clubs and organizations in convention and meeting sessions; Big Sky conference tournaments in basketball, wrestling, gymnastics and floor sports like tennis and volleyball; ROTC drill competitions and class exercises.

The list is clearly distinctive to BSU uses and the building's design would clearly have to favor those needs.

It was for precisely this reason that the University of Idaho wisely expanded Neal Stadium to become a Kibbie Dome ON ITS CAMPUS, rather than as a "civic center" somewhere between Moscow and Pullman.

It was because of these distinct needs that ISU's events-crammed Mini-Dome serves ISU first, on the Bengal campus, not as a community auditorium located in downtown Pocatello.

There are good reasons for cities of Boise's potential to develop a civic center as an adjunct to its commercial and economic development drive. But they do not coincide very neatly with the growing university's need for weather-proof, multi-purpose student activities structures located where those students benefit—in campus center. BCH

State expenditures per FTE student* in FY 71 dollars

FY	BSU	ISU	U of I	L-CSC	WTD Average
71	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1569
72	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1666
73	⁶⁹ 1199	¹²¹ 2113	¹¹³ 1968	¹⁰⁷ 1873	1744
74	⁷¹ 1271	¹¹⁷ 2092	¹¹³ 2013	¹⁰⁶ 1900	1787
75	⁶⁷ 1241	¹²² 2258	¹¹⁴ 2113	¹¹⁷ 2166	1849
76	⁷¹ 1338	¹²⁵ 2377	¹¹¹ 2105	¹⁰⁶ 2017	1897
77	⁷² 1411	¹²⁶ 2473	¹⁰⁸ 2124	¹⁰⁹ 2144	1963+
FY 71 - FY 77 Average Increase:					4.5%
FY 73-77 Ave.					3.5

*Based on dividing student credit hours by 15 for undergraduates and 12 for graduates for both the fall and spring term and then halving it to obtain an average for the year.

+ Does not equal institutional weighted average since it includes the \$250,000 contingency.

Barnes In Focus

By
Dr. John Barnes
President, BSU



We are repeatedly given instruction as to what to do in an emergency such as a fire in our homes. The record-setting low temperatures throughout Idaho have resulted in greater numbers of destructive fires. We are told to give thought to what one would save if he or she detected a fire that seemed to be uncontrollable.

The most precious things are often those things that are not replaceable. Critical situations cause one to set priorities.

Boise State University faces the possibility of losing some of its most valuable assets—the top professors in many disciplines through the University — because salary levels are grossly inadequate for those people who have proven themselves to be outstanding faculty members.

When salary raises for a few-year period of time are thin, less able faculty members can hardly afford to be disgruntled. A small percentage of faculty members who are in the top ranks and whose credentials and demonstrated performance give them mobility will simply accept much better positions and leave the University.

Some people believe that there are few jobs in higher education today. Actually, there are fewer jobs than in the past decade, but there are nonetheless many opportunities for faculty

members who possess the doctorate, who are scintillating in their instructional efforts, who care deeply for the future of students, who do applied research and consulting, who write articles in the periodicals for the professional reader, and who extend themselves in service to the people of the state.

Each year, under good times and bad, these faculty members receive offers for advancement. The university that can advance its best people without losing them is fortunate.

Many of the top professors (who admittedly are sometimes difficult to identify) remain in the Gem State and enjoy the professional association of an institution which has preserved a strong emphasis in the role of teaching. But those faculty members who are in their 30's and 40's do think of the long future and their career advancement and the importance of providing adequately for their families.

One of the highest priorities in a salary emergency is to ensure that a university retains the best of its people, and the second priority is to ensure that the majority of the faculty receive salary increases that at least help them keep up with inflationary rates and give witness to the appreciation which the public of the state has for their work.

The State Board has recommended that funds be appropriated to provide a 3 percent merit increase for faculty, 1 percent for reallocation and upgrading of certain positions, and that a cost-of-living raise be granted to all state employees.

This cost-of-living percentage will presumably be set by the Legislature. The Board has also recommended an amendment to Senate Bill 1494, the longevity bill, to bring Boise State University under this provision.

We urge the readers of the FOCUS to support the State Board of Education in working with the Legislature to endeavor to set priorities at a time in which the losses to the University may not be replaceable by future monies.

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Female Administrators Big at BSU

Affirmative action efforts seem to have taken hold at Boise State as the increasing number of women and minorities located in "high places" proves.

When Al Hooten, BSU's new auxiliary services director and import from Illinois came on board he noticed the relatively high number of women administrators on campus and expressed his observation to Rosalie Nadeau, affirmative action director.

Reports from Mrs. Nadeau prove that women take a large role in leading the administrative duties at Boise State. "Women have done well everywhere on campus, but particularly in the administrative positions," Rosalie points out. "They are still somewhat weak, however, in the faculty and academic departments."

Reasons for affirmative action success at BSU are many, explains Mrs. Nadeau. "Boise State has grown so rapidly in the last ten years that we have had the opportunity to hire many more individuals, men and women alike. This may be one reason why we can show more women in administrative positions than other schools who have remained static on their hiring procedures for several years.

"The main reason for a good showing of women and minorities here is because of the very firm commitment by top administration to adhere closely with affirmative action procedures and hire more women and minorities to fill vacant or new positions," continued Mrs. Nadeau.

Women have yet to make a great splash in the faculty and academic administration circles because of the educational requirements, but the future looks bright as Rosalie explains. "Women are just now getting into the Ph.D. field and the percentages are jumping dramatically. We can look for more women with Ph.D.'s in the very near future that will be vying for top faculty positions.

"In the past, women were unable to pursue higher education as readily as men because of commitments to home and children. The trend has reversed though and more men are now willing to

pull up roots to follow their wives' careers.

"Another reason for the number of top administrators at BSU might stem from the fact that Boise is a capital city with numerous opportunities for young career men who bring their young career wives with them," theorizes Ms. Nadeau.

Recent estimates nationwide show a great increase in the percentages of

women attending law school as an example of women participating in previously male dominated areas.

Women faculty members in traditionally male subject areas are also on the increase, even though on a smaller scale. The business school recently added a female Ph.D. holder to the economic department, another in management and there are now two women in

accounting. Three years ago, according to Rosalie, there were no women in these areas at all.

First try at writing this story created seven weary pages of condensed material on each exempt woman administrator and one very frustrated writer.

Many years of experience in every field imaginable and impressive degrees from Purdue, Germany, New York, and numerous other colleges and universities back up all these women.

Each has been active in community, church, state and government affairs as well as college affiliations. Boise State can even boast one Fulbright Scholar, Helen Huff, adult basic education director.

In order to fit all the women together and give each due credit, a simple list with name and title follows:

Jane Buser . . . personnel director; Christa Bax . . . assistant director of student activities; Rosalie Nadeau . . . affirmative action director; Helen Huff . . . adult basic education director; Jackie Cassell . . . administrative assistant to the president; Erma Callies . . . vo-tech counselor and instructor (until recently the only woman in this position in Idaho);

Esperanza Nee . . . career and financial services advisor; Margarita de Sugiyama . . . administrative assistant in student advising and special services; Julie Norton . . . assistant director of high school and university relations; Betty Brock . . . Bookstore manager;

Susanna Holz . . . registrar; Susan Mitchell . . . housing director; Rosalie Cicero . . . data processing manager II; Glenna Pounds . . . vo-tech accountant; Norma Ireland . . . principal buyer for purchasing; Ruth McBirney . . . head librarian; Leda Scrimsher . . . chairman, department of home economics; Patricia Dorman . . . chairman, department of societal and urban studies; JoAnn Vahey . . . chairman, department of nursing and associate dean of the school of health sciences; and Connie Thorngren . . . women's athletics director.

This list, hopefully, is complete and is aimed at trying to give readers an idea of the number of top administrators and exempt personnel who are women at BSU.



Dr. Patricia Dorman



Dr. Leda Scrimsher



Susan Mitchell



Connie Thorngren

BSU Development Is Based In Scholarships

Here's How They Work...

By David Lambert
Development Director



Quite often persons wishing to make specified contributions to Boise State University question whether they want to establish a scholarship or set up a loan fund. Somehow scholarship and loan funds become synonymous in the minds of the donor. The purpose of this article is to help clarify the purpose and uses of each of these funds:

The Scholarship

Frequently donors wish to establish a scholarship named for either themselves or some other person. Money for this scholarship is received once or twice a year and generally all the principal is allocated to the recipients. Most scholarships follow this pattern:

1. They are funded annually and if funding is not renewed, the scholarship expires.
2. Most scholarships are set up for as little as \$50 per semester to as much as \$366, or the registration for two semesters.
3. Some scholarships will not only pay for tuition, but will pay for books, lab fees, and often some personal needs of the recipient.
4. Scholarship monies are generally not invested and do not gain interest since they are received by the institution and given out immediately to students.
5. The person or group donating the scholarships may establish the criteria for selection by the scholarship committee, and most scholarships are given for academic proficiency.
6. Small donations, \$5 to \$50, nonrestricted, usually go into a general scholarship fund where they are commingled and allocated by the scholarship committee.

The Endowed Scholarship differs from the regular scholarship substantially. Its characteristics are as follows:

1. Large sum of money which is to be invested. Usually the income from the investment provides for one or more scholarships.

2. Sometimes the scholarship agreement allows for some retained income to help the principal sum grow in size, thus providing a built in inflationary feature.

3. The Endowed Scholarships are usually perpetual in nature and often provide a living tribute to the donor or the person memorialized.

4. These scholarships are usually for sums of money exceeding \$5,000, and earning 5% interest which provides approximately \$250 annually for the scholarship fund.

5. The Endowed Scholarship is sometimes managed by the Career and Financial Services Office at Boise State University and this office is charged with the responsibility to invest the principal. In other instances scholarships such as the John Lynn Driscoll Scholarship Trust or the Anthony Robert Scott Memorial Scholarship are managed by Commercial Banks - Trust Offices or separate Foundations. Once again the income from the invested funds provides for the scholarship or scholarships.

The Loan Fund

The Loan Fund, as opposed to the scholarship fund, is awarded on need and not on scholastic excellence. Monies for a loan fund are extremely versatile since they can be turned over several times a year. When one loan is paid off, another loan immediately becomes available for the students; thus more students can benefit from the fund. Most loan funds, therefore, follow this pattern:

1. Once monies are available, the Loan Fund becomes a living memorial to the donor or the memorialized named person.

2. Donations of funds can be added periodically to increase the amount of funds available for loan.

3. Loan Funds are handled by the BSU Financial Office and a small opening fee plus interest of 5% after the due date is the only interest charge for this loan.

4. Such funds become almost self perpetuating providing each student accepts a personal obligation to repay his loan.

5. Loan Funds can be established at a very small cost to the institution. Most loan funds are set up with \$100 or \$200 and may be added to as the donor sees fit.

The Loan Fund is a very important source of financial aid since it can have beneficial effects to many students. In fact, at registration time, all funds are loaned out. There is often a waiting list of students who would use such loans if more were available.

Mr. Ronald Moran, the Student Loan Fund accounting supervisor, states that "Most students accept this as emergency fund and that they feel a moral obligation to make good this debt."

Now that scholarships and loan funds have been clarified, obviously our need at Boise State University to have more scholarships and loan funds available to our students is great. The motivation to establish scholarship or loan funds may be very personal, but the result of establishing these funds is truly an investment in people, our state, and the nation.

If you would like further information concerning the above, call the BSU Office of Development, 385-3276.

Beyond BSU...

By Dyke Nally
Alumni Director



One of the most important factors contributing to the growth and progress of the Alumni Association has been the Regional Coordinator system throughout the state.

The Alumni Office has set up contact people in the following areas: Pocatello, Twin Falls, Grangeville, and Moscow.

The Regional Directors are Gary and Karlene Dance in Pocatello; Dean Tuley in Twin Falls; Gary Likkel in Grangeville, and Katie Hoffer in Moscow.

These Boise State Alums have been extremely instrumental in establishing statewide coordination of the Alumni Association. They serve as resource and contact people for alums from their regions and act in a liaisonship capacity from their regions to BSU and the Alumni Association.

If you have questions about the Alumni Association or BSU in general, you can call the person in your area for information. Call them if you know of a good student interested in going to BSU or about a function or issue at the University. They will relay the information along to the Alumni Office.

The regional system is also used a great deal in helping the Alumni Office keep current records on alums. If you have an address change or name change, please let your Regional Coordinator know or call or write the Alumni Office at BSU.

One other function these people help us with is organizing local functions throughout the state; this is part of BSU's outreach program. These functions are primarily designed to help us get to know our members better and keep them current on the progress of the University.

In behalf of the Alumni Board of Directors and BSU, I would like to extend a sincere thank you for the help the Regional Coordinators have given the Alumni Association this past year and we are looking forward to another great year in 1977.

Dyke

Sunny Week Planned for Alums

Boise State alumni and students can join in a low cost, week long trip to Hawaii this spring through a group charter now being put together by the BSU Alumni Office and Capital Educators Credit Union.

Alums or students who want to beat the mid-winter doldrums and spend the

spring break in Hawaii will leave March 13 and return March 20.

Tour promoters say the flight with Northwest Orient Airlines will cost \$289 round trip. Travelers can arrange for their own lodging or pay an added \$80-\$90 for a week hotel package. Included in that will be transportation to

and from the airport, baggage handling and tips.

For travelers who want more information, trip organizers have planned meetings Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10 and 16 at the Idaho Credit Union League offices at 2770 Vista.

Details about the trip can also be gotten from Kathy Wood, phone 376-1211 or 375-2167, or Winnie Coldwell, phone 343-0084 or 343-2541.

Molitor Gets Promotion

William D. Molitor has been named associate director of the Human Life Center at St. John's University.

Molitor, a 1971 graduate of BSC, with a B.A. in Social Science, and his wife, Mary Lou, the founder and former director of the Natural Family Planning Center in Boise, have been active in pre-Cana and marriage preparation programs in Idaho for the past five years, lecturing to engaged couples and high school marriage classes on human sexuality and married love.

In addition, they conducted natural family planning (NFP) classes in Boise, as well as numerous NFP workshops in southwest Idaho and eastern Oregon the past two years. They also served here on the faculty at last summer's International Symposium on Natural Family Planning sponsored by the Human Life Center.

Molitor was most recently employed as a bank officer with the Idaho First National Bank in Boise.

As associate director at St. John's he will assist the director, Rev. Paul Marx, OSB, in planning and coordinating the many workshops and seminars offered by the Human Life Center in marriage and family life, education, natural family planning, emergency pregnancy services and other family living topics.

His wife also graduated from BSC in 1973 with a B.A. in Social Science with a Secondary Education Certificate.

They have two pre-school daughters.



DR. GARY Bennett, BJC grad at right, received a rare honor recently from the U.S. Regulatory Commission for his work in water safety and nuclear plants.

Honor Goes to BJC Alum

Gary Bennett, a former Boise Junior College graduate, recently received a Special Achievement Certificate from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission recently.

Dr. Bennett, who is a technical assistant for the Office of Water Reactor Safety Research, was honored for his outstanding work in "Reports Management Project System Development" and support of the "Water Reactor Safety Research Program."

Dr. Bennett attended BJC from 1958

to 1960, where he was a member of Sigma Xi, Phi Theta Kappa, and Sigma Pi Sigma. He also was listed on the Dean's Honor List, and was a member of "Who's Who in America."

After graduating at BJC, he attended the University of Idaho and Washington State University.

Dr. Bennett and his wife, Cleo, currently live in Rockville, Maryland, where he continues his work as a nuclear physicist.

Alumni In Touch.....

Jobs

Ronald L. Hester has been elected assistant manager at the Nampa Branch of the Bank of Idaho. A native of Bliss, Hester graduated from BSU with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Hester started his banking career in 1970 and is a graduate of an American Institute of Banking school.

Navy Machinist's Mate Fireman Gordon Arnzen recently participated in Exercise "Readix 2-77" off the Southern California coast.

He is a crewmember aboard the destroyer USS Richard S. Edwards, homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Arnzen is a 1973 graduate of Prairie High School, attended Boise State University and joined the Navy in October, 1975.

Roberta D. Riggers has been appointed a teaching assistant in music at Washington State University, Pullman, for the 1976-77 school year.

Mrs. Riggers is a graduate student in music at WSU and is working toward an M.A. degree.

The Boise student is a graduate of Boise State College with a degree in music which she received in May of 1976.

Jack D. Moore has been promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army. Moore advises a reserve artillery battalion in Sioux City, Iowa. He is a 1954 graduate of Boise High School and received an associate of arts degree from Boise Junior College in 1956.

Clayton R. Severe has been named manager of the Collister Branch of the Bank of Idaho. Severe, a Rupert native, attended Boise State University and started his banking career in 1973.

Three former Boise State University students have joined the Homedale staff at the elementary level this fall.

Dan Warren is a physical education major who teaches a fourth grade class at Homedale Elementary as well as physical education for third through sixth grades. He graduated from Valluue High School and BSU.

Marcia Brandt is the new kindergarten teacher and is a 1972 graduate of Meridian High School. She attended

BSU for two years and is a graduate of Central Washington State College in Ellensburg, Washington. She has a B.A. degree in early childhood education.

Lois Paxton is a third grade teacher at the elementary school. She graduated from Elko High School in Elko, Nevada, and received a degree in elementary education at Boise State University.

Leon C. Brownlee has been promoted to Credit Analysis officer in the Credit Administration according to a recent action taken by the Idaho First National Bank's Board of Directors.

A native of Prairie City, Oregon, he is a graduate of Meridian High School and Boise State University.

Weddings

Debra Whitaker and Fred Kesler were married on Dec. 10. The bride is a graduate of Council High School and Link's School of Business and employed by Republic Personnel Service. Her husband is a graduate of Boise State with a degree in Political Science and will be returning in January to work on his Master's Degree in Public Administration.

More In Touch

Sharon Diffendaffer and Nacho Larracoechea are making plans for marriage late this month.

The bride-to-be attended the University of Madrid in Spain, graduated from the University of Idaho and teaches languages at South Junior High School. Her fiancé attended Boise State University.

Sherry D. Harris and Mike Pearson were wed Dec. 29. Sherry graduated in December of 1976 from the BSU School of Nursing, while her husband attended BSU and is currently employed with a farm implement company in Gooding.

Linda Gillatt and Ted Buck lit a unity candle signifying the joining of their lives during the Oct. 29 ceremony.

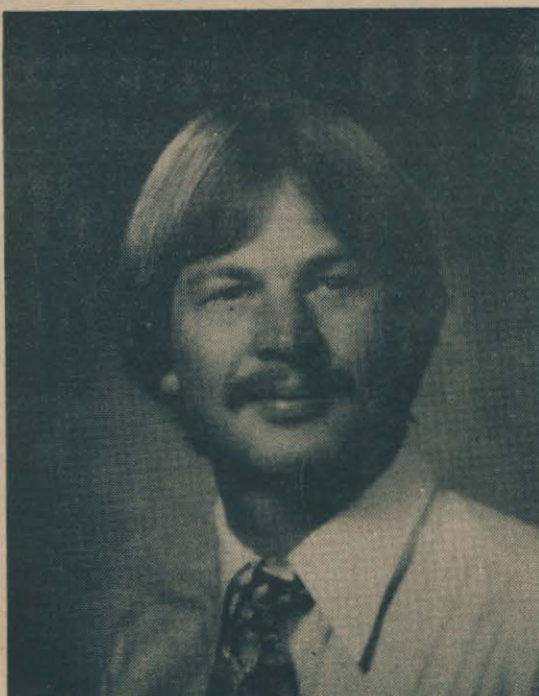
The bride is a graduate of Northwest Nazarene College and is currently employed by the Melba School District. The groom graduated from BSU and is working for Alpha and Omega Realty.

Penny S. Weldon and James S. Hughes were married Dec. 27. The bride is a graduate of Boise State University and is currently employed by the Meridian School District. Her husband is a graduate of the University of Idaho. He is employed by the Idaho Hospital Association.

Terri L. Morrison and Richard Humphrey exchanged vows Sept. 11. The groom was graduated from Nampa High School in 1969. Both are Boise State University graduates. She is a certified



Todd Burt



Eric Hoffman

Two Grads Finish Med School

Boise students Todd Burt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burt, 2305 W. Boise, and Eric Hoffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hoffman, 530 Braemere, have completed their studies at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Both new physicians attended Boise schools and graduated from Boise State University. They finished in the top 25 percent of their Colorado medical school class.

The pair will now enter residency training to specialize in diagnostic radiology.

Burt is currently working at the Mountain States Tumor Institute in Boise and will begin his residency in July. Hoffman is already a resident doctor in the San Francisco area.

Once their residencies are completed, Burt and Hoffman plan to return to Boise to practice medicine.

Dr. Victor Duke, dean of the School of Health Sciences, says the two are the first med school grads to go through the BSU pre-medical program. Following their work at BSU, they were accepted to the University of Nevada medical school in Reno. After that two year program they moved on to Colorado.

"Both have stated unequivocally that one of their biggest advantages in medical school was their fine preparation at Boise State," Duke says.

Silent Backers

By Jim Dickey
President,
Alumni Assoc.



Your Alumni Association is in the process of developing a special questionnaire geared to the interests and concerns of the general membership and dealing with Alumni and University matters.

The Alumni staff and board members encourage you to take the time to answer and return the information. We want and need your input and interest. Dyke Nally, Alumni Director, tells me the questionnaire will be sent this month. So please look for it. We really care about you and your thoughts.

During our annual summer session, the board decided to cut down on Alumni Board meetings. However, because so much is happening throughout the University and community, I was directed by the entire board to hold Alumni meetings on a more regular basis. (About once a month or as needed.)

Your Alumni Association is young, and we are open to continuing suggestions and all types of input from our Alumni and friends. If you have information, questions or advice that should be heard, please contact the BSU Alumni Office. We would like to put it on the agenda or even invite you to a board meeting. Let us hear from you!

In my travels as Alumni President, I continue to see ardent BSU supporters who are not particularly "noticed" members of any organized association. Those people get little or no recognition or thanks for their support (not that they expect any).

They simply have strong affections toward BSU and show it by quietly and consistently supporting all types of functions and activities, from art exhibits to athletic events, not only in Boise but all over Idaho and surrounding states. For instance, in Las Vegas and Pocatello, I saw folks like the Ken Blacksmiths; the Phil Prices; the Jon Vestals; the Bill Youngs; Ms. Leslie Tatro; the Tony Cantrills; the Bill Louderbachs; Ray Rodriguez; Chuck Berry and many, many more.

If you know of some "Silent Supporters", let me know. I'd like to see their name in print, too.

Jim Dickey



BSU FAMILY & friends gathered at Thoroughbred Restaurant between Nampa and Caldwell during "BSU Night" last week. Alums and parents of BSU students met university faculty, administrators to exchange program hopes at school.

dental assistant and he has a Bachelor of Administration degree.

Gary Hutchinson and JoAnn Davidson were married on Nov. 27 in Burley.

Both are graduates of Boise State University and are employed in Boise.

John W. Tillman and Jayleen Ullman were married Nov. 27 in St. Mary's Catholic Church. The bridegroom is a graduate of Boise State University and attended the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. He is employed at the Veteran's Administration Hospital.

The bride is a graduate of the Bryan College of Court Reporting and is employed by Tucker and Associates.

The former Susan Siggelkow became the wife of Rendell Moore Nov. 27 in Community Christian Center, Garden City. The bridegroom attended BSU and is employed by Autotronic Systems, Inc. The bride is a graduate of Capital High School and is employed by Idaho Credit Union.

Nancy Odell and John McKeeth were married Nov. 27 in the Fellowship Baptist Church in Boise.

The bride is a graduate of Boise State and is employed by the Caldwell School District, while her husband is working for Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Diana Braden and Dan Powell were wed Jan. 8. The bride is a graduate of Borah High School and attended BSU. She is currently employed by the Vista Branch of the Bank of Idaho, while her husband is a junior at BSU and is working as a salesman for Thurber Watkins Realty.

Lisa Showman and Thom Thomas were wed Nov. 26 in a double-ring ceremony at the Boise First Baptist Church. The bride, who attended Boise State University, is employed by Mountain Bell Telephone Co. Her husband attended the University of Idaho and graduated from BSU.

He is currently a teacher at South Junior High School, Boise.

Funerals

Graveside services for Staff Sgt. John F. Hutson, 53, were held Nov. 23.

He was born August 17, 1923, in Paducah, Kentucky, and attended school there. He joined the U.S. Army in 1941. He was released from there in 1952 and later attended BSU Vo-Tech School from 1973 to 1974.

Surviving are his wife, two daughters and two sons.

Services for James Westmoreland, 27, of Caldwell, were held Nov. 20.

He was born Jan. 29, 1940, in Bakersfield Ca. He moved to Idaho in 1962 and graduated from Wilder High School. He was a student at Boise State at the time of his death.

Graveside services were held for Stephen E. Tyson in Caldwell. He was born in Boise and graduated from Parma High School in 1959. He attended a year at the College of Idaho, joined the U.S. Navy and served for six years. Mr. Tyson attended Treasure Valley Community College after he returned home, and also attended BSC for 3½ years.

Services were held for Ethel Pipkin who died in a Boise hospital. She was born in Nebraska and graduated from

Boise High School in 1930. She later graduated from Boise Junior College and later received a B.A. degree from Northwest Nazarene College.

Wilbur M. [Butch] Newman, 56, Mink Creek Road, died at his home Nov. 21, after an extended illness.

He was born July 11, 1920, at Wilsall, Montana. He spent his early life at Wilsall and Bozeman, Montana, where he attended schools.

The family moved to Meridian in 1934, and he attended high school there and also attended Boise Junior College.

Survivors include his widow, three daughters and three sons.

Ted Likkell, 30, who was born and raised in Grangeville, was killed in an automobile accident at Houston, Texas, Dec. 1, 1976.

He was born July 26, 1946, at Grangeville. He was graduated from Grangeville and entered the army.

He was a paratrooper in the Vietnam war. He later attended Boise State for two years and Columbia Basin Junior College at Pasco for one year.

Survivors in addition to his wife are two daughters.

Sweet Old Bob's *Sportin' Life*

by Bob C. Hall



Herding The Broncos

Hunched over the telephone at his bedside, one hand cradling a paper-piled briefcase on his drawn up knees, the tousled, beefy blond head of Ron Stephenson bent to a tired, patient question between pauses for a voice on the line:

"You can't find it?"

"Why not?"

"Where'd you leave it?"

"You don't know . . . why don't you know?"

"Did you check your bag before we left the gym?"

"Hell, I dunno, I guess we could tape your number on your back."

(Then, with more concern.)

"Well, take it easy, we'll check around . . . see what we can find."

Boise State's Assistant Athletic Director let the phone fall onto its cradle, turned slowly to stare at a visitor sitting by the 15th floor Sheraton Motor Inn window. A Spokane newspaper sports page bearing a pre-game story on that night's BSU-Gonzaga clash spilled off a corner of the bed.

Flat-voiced, he said: "Mayfield lost his jersey . . ."

As if pleading for the visitor to share his sorrow he repeated it:

"He lost his jersey . . . can't find it . . . doesn't have one . . . boy, that's it."

The search to get something over John Mayfield's 6-9 and one-half inch body besides shorts and shoes was to occupy Stephenson, Coach Bus Connor, the whole Sheraton telephone and 1st-floor elevator system for the balance of a day when Stephenson did not need THAT extra duty.

As traveling secretary, advance man, payroll clerk, public relations representative and finder of lost athletic articles, Stephenson would think faster, talk more, get less sleep and make more important decisions about the traveling fortunes of a BSU athletic safari than any other individual with the group.

In A Briefcase—Everything

Between a steady twirl of his motel room telephone dial to track any evidence of Mayfield's jersey, that pre-Gonzaga afternoon, Stephenson rummaged through his rumpled briefcase repeatedly.

He shoved aside checkbooks and voucher forms to find his well-worn list of "good places for a team to eat" in Spokane.

A few phone calls, jotting menu prices ("Can they get all the milk they want?") and making mental calculations against a stringent food budget, then one of several trips across the hall to Coach Bus Connor's room.

"How would the team go for spaghetti? Craner says a lot of starch is OK early in the day . . . the newspaper guy says the roast beef at Chapter Eleven is super . . . maybe we better feed them here in the motel and take them out after the game . . . did you see the place downstairs, the prices are good and they've got chicken . . . some of the kids like chicken." They put off the decision, to pace.

Somebody snapped on the TV to an aimless afternoon game show. Stevenson and Connor paced between their two rooms, trading menu ideas, dropping dark concerns about the team's mental state, breaking the patter to watch the TV picture for no reason but to break growing pre-game tension, then talking local tourism small talk ("Did you see that new nightclub?") because they really weren't watching the TV show, just staring at it because it was something in the room that moved.

Also, The World's Greatest Stat-Man

Back into the briefcase, Stephenson popped an aspirin, yanked out the neatly-typed travel schedule that was to be his constant reference for a trip that involved air fares from Boise, arrival times at rental car stands, dovetailed arrivals for gym workouts in borrowed vans and herding the whole group to and from a variety of restaurants where the food and price "numbers" were right.

Pacing again, as pale, red sunshine tinted Spokane's frigid and antique skyline below the tower window, Stephenson bent suddenly to his briefcase, yanked a legal-sized notepad from the clutter.

"Better get the old stat chart ready, God I'm beat . . . I may never make another trip . . . I may not even finish THIS one."

Such protests at his fate amused him, for once, and he sprawled across the bed closest to the view window to begin his "stat chart".

That night, after driving one of the rented vans the tense, moody route to Kennedy pavilion, double-checking the people into the gym, gladhanding a few old Gonzaga athletic department friends and visiting coaches in the still-empty gym corridor, he dropped his briefcase to the floor, bent down to rearrange its contents like an Arab hawker getting ready to set up portable shop with his bauble case.

He would tuck Coach Connor and his team in the right dressing room, make sure towels, soap, etc. were provided, manage to wangle a couple of tickets for some disorganized friends of a ballplayer who showed unannounced, trade lies about the team's strength and strategy with old friend Adrian Buonchristiani as popcorn machines began clicking the pre-game concession song.

He would tell anyone near him that he couldn't take all this, that his

After ISU, Playoff Broncos Hope History

By Jim Faucher

With December's dream of an outright league title now tattered behind two straight defeats to ISU, Bus Connor has turned to the history books for his next vision.

He remembers the Broncos of 1976-77, slumping badly at mid-season, an all but forgotten factor in a Big Sky race dominated by ISU and Weber State.

Back then, even surprising Northern Arizona still looked like a league winner—but the Broncos had slumped to sixth place and most talk was "maybe next year".

Then the remarkable stretch drive of February, as the maturing forwards began going hard both ways and somehow the Broncos won every desperate "must win" game, at home and away, to totter into the playoffs at Ogden.

The rest is well-known championship history to Bronco fans.

Can something like that happen again, now that the Broncos are 1-3, with a big home loss (92-83) and two road losses already on the debit side? Only Idaho's equally-troubled Vandals have been beaten by BSU in loop play.

Connor clearly thinks it can.

He's now talking about home wins AND road wins that will be necessary to get the Broncos to the playoffs.

There is some logic to the "last year was just like this" theory.

BSU had done better, earlier in its season, but that was on a differing schedule. In fact, results of BSU's first games on the road North were the same last season: they blew one to Gonzaga and evened the record with a win over Idaho.

Difference is that the Broncos won both ends of a Montana road trip before the close of January last year—a rare task they must repeat this time if history is, indeed, to put them in the playoffs as a light-regarded late winner.

If last year is the way the Broncos will have to do it, again, that comes as some disappointment to Coach Connor.

He had clearly hoped his veteran forwards Trent Johnson and Dan Jones would be, with all-conference guard Steve Connor, the reason why the team would breathe easier in the loop race this season.

Bluntly, they have not been much more effective than when both were freshmen. Besides some flashes of hope,



the BSU front line has played to worst statistics than the Pat Hoke-anchored front line of last year.

However, argues Connor, the name of the game is watching the hopeful signs, as a still junior-laden team gets its act together for the February stretch.

Looking back at January-February, Bus felt there have been signs of encouragement.

Connor said that he doesn't think anyone will go through league play undefeated and the goal for the Broncos is still to play for the number one spot and gain a playoff berth.

Last year the Broncos gained that



body was a sagging shell of its former magnificence, that he could care less if someone let the air out of the basketball, while fans started reviving the gym, with the clatter and clack of feet filling wooden seats.

But he would have his stat sheet at work a few minutes later, now acting as color man and statistician feeding all that "how does he remember all that?" data to KBOI Bronco "voice" Paul J. Schneider.

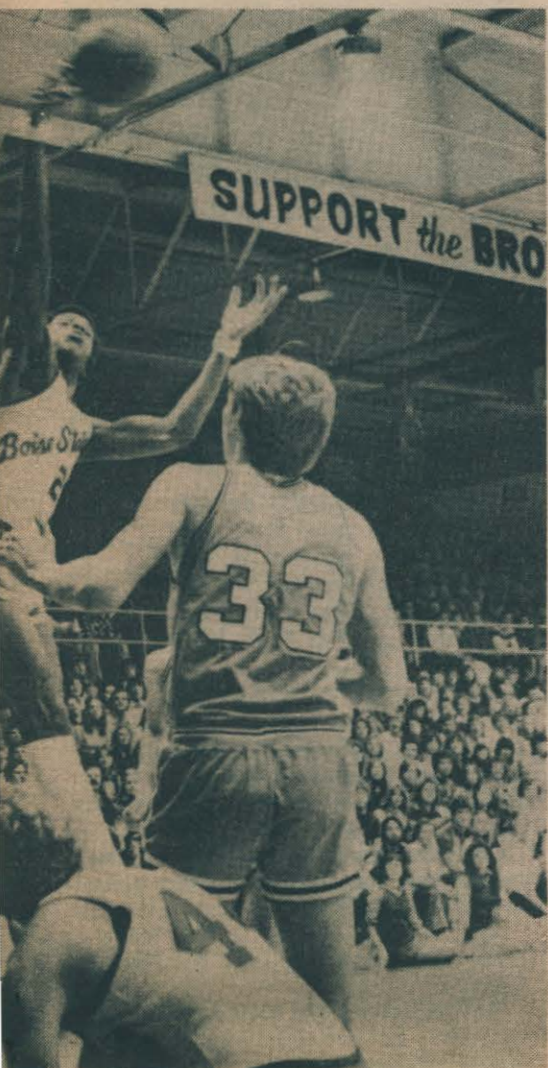
After The Loss, Still Work To Do

Then, standing in broken popcorn and shredded programs, Stephenson reached over, slammed the stat sheet into the briefcase, grimly helped Paul J. untangle snaking wire coils and pack mikes and mixers away as both grumbled the frustrated aftermath talk of an unexpected defeat.

Back to the vans, the silence inside just deadening, the players' faces frozen straight ahead into street lights and neon flares whizzing by.

(They'd found the jersey, about an hour before game time, tucked in Gary Craner's medical bag where he'd secreted it after finding it laying

s Are Goal ry Repeats



ON ROAD, Broncos were rarely alone on court. Left: Steve Connor beats pressing rival James Smith on 29-point spree at Idaho. Top: Steve's Gonzaga "shadow" held him down in Bronco loss; Above, right: Shawn McKenna makes elbow room on rebound.

playoff spot and won the league championship by beating Idaho State and Weber State back to back in Ogden, Utah.

"Idaho State is one of the tougher teams in the league and Weber State, which has some new people, has been impressive in some of its wins. Gonzaga and Montana have experienced players," he said. He added that he didn't expect Montana and Gonzaga to lose too many home games in league play because of their experienced personnel.

"Our rebounding has improved and we appear to be battling everyone on the boards," Connor said. "Our early trouble was not enough patience in our shooting and now we are playing better as a team

and are anticipating someone's shooting."

Steve Connor continues to lead the Broncos in scoring and remains very close to the top in league scoring with his 19.9 ppg. Steve is averaging 20 ppg in league action. Forwards Kevin Goetz, Moscow; Danny Jones, Compton, Ca.; and Trent Johnson, Seattle, have also been drawing praise from coach Bus Connor.

Pocatello's Wally Foster, the other starting guard, appears to have changed

his concept of the game and is doing very well, Connor said.

Another impressive aspect of the Broncos has been the squad's defense. Coach Connor and his staff of Burt Golden and Doug Oliver have developed a switching defense which goes from man to man and then to various types of zone defenses.

"We found that we weren't the type of team that could battle with a man defense all night. The changing to different types of defenses has taken away

Wrestlers End Safari

It may have been a long trip for coach Mike Young and his Bronco wrestlers in that they won just one of six Midwest matches, but Young said after the trip that it was a great experience.

"I really feel that we gained invaluable experience on the trip and know that it will benefit us for the remainder of the year," Young said.

"We met some exceptionally fine wrestlers every night and I know we came back with a much better team than we left with," he added.

The journey began on Jan. 10 with BSU meeting Minnesota in Minneapolis and losing by a score of 33-3. The other matches included a 24-14 loss to Mankato State and a 28-13 decision at the hands of Augustana, also 30-11 from South Dakota State and 41-3 to North Dakota State.

The trip ended on an upbeat note with a Bronco win over Moorhead State by a 40-6 score. "Three of our losses could have gone in our favor very easily," Young said. He added that the matches against Mankato, Augustana and South Dakota State could have been won by the Broncos. All of BSU's opponents were nationally ranked.

One other aspect of the swing was good, Young said. That was his opportunity to watch his young men in action for six consecutive nights. "It was much easier to see what they were doing right and wrong every night. It gave me a good opportunity to see them in action without a week between matches."

Young must have picked out the flaws because his grapplers came back last week to take three straight duals and boost their record to 6-9. The wins were a lopsided 31-6 over Weber, a tight 18-17 over Utah State and a 23-14 nod at Idaho State.

They will be back home for matches against WSU, Portland State and BYU on Feb. 2, 3, and 5.

some of the momentum of our opponents.

"We're not necessarily after turn-overs, but are trying to keep the opponents from running the ball down our throats. We are a pretty good zone defense team," Connor said.

A lot of games remain to be played in the Big Sky Conference before a champion is decided. The defending league champion Broncos are an improving team with a lot of very bright things on the horizon.



BETWEEN GAMES, Stephenson tends his chores while coaches and players try to pass roadtrip hours. From left: Ron records meal charge as restaurant manager waits for check; John Mayfield bought new cap; "Bus" tries it on, too; Burt Golden tries small talk with Steve Barrett as Steve Connor ponders game an hour away; Stephenson calls "bus time" to troops; Dan Jones gets pre-game pep talk from Mrs. Golden; (below right) Stephenson wearily wipes eyeglasses between phone calls.



in the snow near the Varsity Center on departure day "as an object lesson . . . I'll bet he'll check his gear the NEXT trip!")

Stephenson with his case, Craner with his bag, went through the old motions one more time. Aspirin for pain, liniment for ache, money for a snack, agendas for each player and coach to meet deadlines tomorrow driving to Moscow.

Like bag-eyed pied pipers, they criss cross the air routes and waiting rooms with their counterparts from colleges and universities all over the region, trailing athletes doggedly behind.

Later, much later, the pair tossed their satchels in the motel room corner, keeled over onto the two beds. Numb, they let the television picture flicker before their disinterested stares.

Stephenson loosened his belt, kicked a shoe somewhere out into the alcove and sighed: "Friend, there has GOT to be a better way to make a living . . . there has just GOT to be!"

The white phone jangled, alive again, and he rolled heavily over to obey it.

WOMENSPORTS

By Julie Howard

Gym Team In Control

After controlling all four areas of competition Saturday to defeat the University of Idaho and Central Washington by a huge margin, the Boise State gymnasts now prepare to hit the road for matches at Montana State Jan. 29, Portland State Feb. 4 and Oregon State Feb. 5.

They will be back home Feb. 12 for the BSU Invitational.

During Saturday's meet, BSU's high flying Gail Harris of Long Beach, Calif. won all-around honors after taking first in vault, third in floor exercise and a tie for second in bars for a total of 28.05 points.

Following closely behind her in the all-around competition was Nancy Wilkins, who earned second on bars, third in vault and fourth in the floor exercises.



Rounding out the BSU sweep of the all-around was freshman Judy Wilkins. She took first in the beam and floor exercise.

In addition to Harris and the Wilkins' efforts, Jerrie Seivers won her specialty on the bars while Terry Bailey took second in the beam and floor exercise.

In two of the events, bars and floor exercise, BSU dominated the field, taking all top places. BSU also took top spots in the other events except for a third by Patty Byers of Idaho in the beam and second by Kay Bourdeaux in the vault.

Totals were 114.45 for BSU, U of Idaho 66.14 and CWSC 65.35.

To Boise State's coach Pat Holman, Saturday's victory was a strong step toward the '77 nationals goal.

"Each and every one went out and did her very best. But the exciting thing was that this was only our second meet. Where do we go from here?"

Women 5-3

After two earlier tough losses to the University of Utah, Boise State women's basketball team got back on the winning track last week at the expense of Northwest Nazarene and Eastern Oregon

Cold Rodeo Ride For BSU 'Pokes



The world of bucking broncos and barrel racing is a familiar one to these members of Boise State University's rodeo club. Pictured in the bottom row, from left, are Julie Epperson, Dianne Martineau, Craig DeVeney. Second row, Rick Clay, [standing] Tonya Halbert, Herbie Smith, Brad Royce. Back row, Cherie Cutbirth, Debbie Ackley, Dan Kiser, and Trena Halbert [partially obscured]. Also in the club but not pictured is Tracy Hetts. The intermountain collegiate rodeo schedule runs through twelve events, from September 1976 through late May, 1977.

State College.

The Broncos now stand at 5-3 on the season.

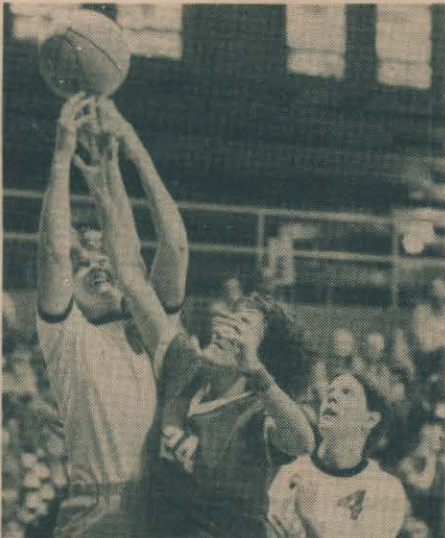
Against the shorter NNC Crusaders BSU's starters turned the game over to the substitutes after racing to a quick 18-2 lead. Ten Broncos found their names in the scoring column in the 64-29 win last Thursday.

Top point makers were Elaine Clegg, 11, and Kim Erikson, JoAnn Burrell and Nancy Phillips with 10 each.

The defeat was the first of the year for NNC.

Friday against Eastern Oregon the going was a little tougher, but not much, as BSU raced to a 73-55 win.

It was another good night for Phillips,



who hit 100 percent from the field and ended with 15 points. Scoring honors went to JoAnn Burrell with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Elaine Elliott added 10 points.

This weekend the Broncos will be in Washington to try to improve their record. Friday they will battle Western Washington State at home and move on to Seattle Saturday for a contest with Seattle Pacific.

The next weekend the women will be back home for a Feb. 4 game with Utah State and a tangle with the highly rated Seattel AAU Lumbermen Feb. 5.

It was a long cold trip with only experience to show for it when the Boise State University Rodeo Club team travelled to Ogden, Utah to open the 1977 intercollegiate rodeo season January 15 and 15.

Host school Weber State University won the men's team title, while riders from Utah State University, led by all-around cowgirl Vicki Leavitt, took top women's team honors.

For BSU, highest finish was Dan Kiser's fourth place in men's saddle

RODEO SCHEDULE Rocky Mountain Region 1976-77

Host School

BYU	September 23, 24, 25,
Snow	January 14, 15, 1977
Weber	March 11, 12, 1977
S. Idaho	March 25, 26, 1977
Dixie	April 8, 9, 1977
SLTEC	April 15, 16, 1977
Boise	April 22, 23, 1977
Idaho St.	April 29, 30, 1977
S. Utah	May 6, 7, 1977
UTTECP	May 13, 14, 1977
Utah St.	May 20, 21, 1977

bronc riding. Veteran rider Kiser scored fourth best in the first go-around, then took a fifth-place score in the second "go."

Craig DeVeney had one solid ride in the bareback go-arounds to take a fifth place in that event for BSU.

Also riding for BSU at the Weber State rodeo were Rick Clay and Tanya Halbert.

BSU riders will get their next chance to score in intermountain competition at another Weber State home event, March 11 and 12.

Boise Classic



BOISE CLASSIC Holiday tournament drew profitable crowd interest and gave Broncos their first tournament trophy of 76-77 season December 27-28. All Tourney team [top photo] included Broncs Kevin Goetz [l] and Steve Connor [r]; Lyle Smith awarded each player tourney mementos [lower left] while President John Barnes exulted over tourney title plaque with Connor [lower right].



Ekchnirt (Eddie) Rugsaj

Thai Student Finds Way To Boise

By Kim Rogers

Fresh off a plane from Washington that left him amid the slush of melting snow and dirt, Ekchnirt Rugsaj wandered across the BSU campus and into the welcoming arms of room Ad. 123. Posing as an "Information" center, the FOCUS office and campus news bureau is easily mistaken as a catch-all for lost souls who can't find almost anything.

Confused, but undaunted, Ekchnirt (for long and Eddie for short) explained in very understandable English - except for the heavy overtones of his Thai accent - that he was lost and didn't seem to have any room reserved in the dorms.

Quick action drug Ekchnirt down the administration building halls looking for the right person to untangle his problems. Arriving at the office of Stephen Spafford, assistant dean of records and admissions, who proved to be the right man for Ekchnirt's troubles, this reporter suddenly realized that here was a nice light story with lots of human interest packed in that just might make FOCUS readers glow.

After a pleasant chat with Ekchnirt and strained ears trying to follow his soft voice and very proper English terminology, it was discovered that he was on the BSU campus to work toward a master's in business administration.

As a native of Bangkok, Thailand, Ekchnirt first became interested in the United States and particularly Boise State University when a friend of his father's visited the family and talked the Rugsaj's into sending Ekchnirt to the states.

Before stepping off the plane in Boise, Ekchnirt spent five months in Seattle, Washington studying at the English language center there.

Concerned about "not knowing anyone", Ekchnirt quickly asked if there was a table tennis team at BSU. He explained that he had played table tennis and badminton extensively at home and was on a team in Washington. Hopefully, his new dorm roommates will be able to accommodate him.

Ekchnirt comes from an average size family in Thailand; he has one sister and one brother. His father serves as vice president of a corporation in Bangkok. Ekchnirt plans to obtain his master's degree at BSU and then return home to go into business as well.

When asked if he had enjoyed his stay in the U.S., Ekchnirt answered, "Yes, I really like it here," paused then added, "No, I love the United States!" Arriving in Boise must have seemed like frontierland when one considers that Ekchnirt left a city of seven million to study in a large metropolitan area like Seattle and then to move on to Boise, Idaho.

Ekchnirt will get along just fine though - his outgoing charm and warm personality should win him many friends quickly. If he can only get used to the weather . . . "When I left Thailand it was very warm," he mused tugging at his stylish fisherman knit sweater. "In fact, in Thailand winter is even warmer than summer in the United States."

'77 Economy Rated 'Comfortable'

After a fast start and summer slowdown in 1976, the U.S. economy could be in for a more comfortable 1977 if the predictions of a Boise State University economist come true.

Last week the oft-quoted Dr. John Mitchell gazed into his crystal ball and came up with these predictions for FOCUS.

"There is little doubt that 1977 will be marked by expansion," he said. To back up that claim he cited a sharp increase in housing starts, increased employment, a rise in capital appropriations and strong car sales.

The Carter fiscal package and recent increase in the money supply could fuel growth, but Mitchell threw out a caution flag because too much stimulation by government could bring on a revival of "serious inflationary pressures."

But Mitchell remained optimistic in his prediction for lower inflation, which he said will be about 4.5 to 5 percent this year.

"This seems to be consistent with recent wage behavior and the money supply aggregate. It is a bit better than the 1976 performance and much better than the 1974-75 period," he said.

Employment, which increased at about three percent in 1976, should continue to grow at a slightly faster rate this year, he thinks. But people shouldn't get too hopeful in that area.

"The lowering of this rate will be a long term process that will require institutional changes in the education, minimum wages and incentives."

Mitchell foresees a good 1977 for some sectors of the economy. But he called agriculture "the major question mark"

because of surpluses in potatoes, wheat and sugar. Prospects for price improvement in those areas are "dim," he said.

The cattle market, on the other hand, is in a better situation. The end of the liquidation cycle and increases in consumer income will lead to better prices this year.

"There is a possibility of some govern-

ment action to assist agriculture income with tariffs, quotas or direct income support. The incoming administration has indicated support for higher farm incomes and more government intervention in the farm sector.

"This attitude combined with new farm law this year could affect Idaho," Mitchell concluded.



BRONCO BILLBOARD—Ron Stephenson admires BSU emblem placed on Boise-boosting streamliner billboard at west Boise entrance by Charles Cosgriff as publicity donation to university.

Cosgriff Plugs BSU

An old high school friendship and Idaho's newest development in outdoor advertising blended by coincidence this week to give Boise State University what admen call "prime position" smack in the view of every auto driver entering Boise city from the west on Highway 80N interchange.

As a gesture of citizenship to the Greater Boise community and one of personal friendship to BSU Assistant Athletic Director Ron Stephenson, Cosgriff Advertising Co.'s innovative billboard at the key west Boise entrance features "BSU-HOME OF THE BRONCOS" as part of its Boise-boosting message. (see photo)

Main force for the complimentary billboard promotion for the city and the university is Charles Cosgriff, active Bronco booster, Boise Chamber of Commerce member and "a guy who used to run around with Ron in high-school".

To promote interest in what is an all-steel, clean-structured billboard design—the first to be used in Idaho—Cosgriff designed and erected the streamliner-type message at no charge.

Most innovative feature of the structure is its single-post design that leaves the ground area beneath the forty-foot high message panel relatively clear.

He told Stephenson he hopes to have a series of the new structures at all major Boise entrances in the future. Older styles, which blocked views of scenery and often fell into wooden ramshackle disrepair, have been criticized by environmental groups and community safety leaders.

Cosgriff's new concept incorporates another unusual feature. The message area is composed of several vertical bolt-on panels, as opposed to the fixed single-panel use of previous billboards.

"We simply use a good billboard-quality paint on metal panels. It allows us a smooth, clear texture for messages."

There are benefits for Cosgriff's sign painters, too. To change a message, or leave any part of it, they simply unbolt the required number of panels, cart them to Cosgriff's headquarters on Boise Avenue and do a re-paint under controlled working conditions there.

Both Stephenson and BSU President John Barnes took time last week to watch "our message" go up at the traffic-swarming West 80N location (across the freeway from the Rodeway Inn).

Cosgriff said he will rotate the BSU-City promotion message to new locations as a public service, when those locations are not in use by a customer. That will guarantee constant exposure for the message at a series of key traffic locations, on a constant basis.

Walker Wins Award

Boise State University graphics designer Jim Walker and English professor Tom Trusky have received a national award in book design for the 1976 edition of the "cold-drill" magazine.

They were given the National Merit Award for Design Excellence by the University and College Designers Association. This is the second year that BSU's "cold-drill" has won the honor.

Of the over 1,000 pieces only 150 were selected for recognition by the Association.

The "cold-drill" is printed by the Printing and Graphics Services at BSU.

Handbooks Ready

Copies of the revised classified employees handbook have recently been distributed on campus, according to Jane Buser, Personnel Director. The handbook covers many changes in rules, benefits and regulations that have occurred in the last year.

Buser is hopeful that the handbook will answer most of the questions raised by classified employees, but reminds all employees that the personnel department staff is always available to interpret passages and answer additional questions.

Economic Ed Center Off Ground at BSU

The problem of how to effectively educate the masses on economic issues and decision making in personal and family matters has produced a campaign nationwide by the Joint Council on Economic Education aimed at organizing state centers for dissemination of economic material.

Councils and centers have been formed in most states of the union, and Idaho is one of the last states to develop such a program. National headquarters for the Council on Economic Education is in New York.

Boise State University has been given the honor to serve as state headquarters for the Idaho Council on Economic Education until such time as other centers are established throughout the remaining state regions.

Professor Gerald Draayer moved from Ohio University in Athens last month to Boise to become executive director of the Idaho Council and the first director of the center at BSU.

According to Dr. Draayer, the primary purpose of the center at BSU is to develop an instructional program in economic education by developing source material, distributing that material throughout the state, creating various instructional formats and delving into research areas.

Groundwork was laid for implementation of the center by Dr. Richard Payne, BSU economics department chairman; Dr. Dale Blickenstaff, President of the Idaho Council of Economic Education; Dr. Richard Hart, director of CRGC; and Dr. Lein, business school dean at BSU.

"Working primarily with elementary and secondary educators in Idaho," Draayer explained, "we hope to meet the goals of the council by holding activities that include teacher education programs, curriculum development, special conferences for educators as well as businessmen, government officials and labor leaders."

Dr. Charles Lein, business school dean, acknowledged "necessary institutional support including government, business and labor involvement that will make it possible to achieve program goals."

Prior to his appointment at BSU, Dr. Draayer served as associate professor in the department of economic education at Ohio University. In addition to his responsibilities as instructor, he had served as chairman of the department and while on leave of absence acted as consultant to the faculty of economics at the MARA Institute of Technology in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Five Poets Schedule Boise Visits This Spring

Some of America's best known poetic superstars will be in Boise this spring under a grant arranged by Dr. Charles David Wright of the BSU English department.

The just-approved grant money will bring to town one poet each month through May, according to Wright. Finances for their appearances come from BSU, Idaho Heritage Magazine, Observer Books, Boise Public Schools and the Boise Gallery of Art.

Those organizations combined to put up half of the \$5,000 used to fund the series. The National Endowment for the Arts furnished the rest.

Each poet will spend two days in Boise spreading that time between workshops with school teachers, creative writing classes at BSU, magazine interviews and public poetry readings at the Gallery of Art and Boise State.

To open the series, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, a San Francisco poet who played a major role in the Beat movement of the 1950's, will be in Boise Feb. 9-10.

He will read Feb. 9 in the Boise Gallery of Art on poetry and paintings and Feb. 10 at BSU's Speccenter. Both appearances start at 8 p.m. and are free to the public.

According to Wright, Ferlinghetti was a pioneer in the 50's movement toward a more open, oral style of poetry.

With Peter Martin, he founded the first all paperback bookstore in the country, City Lights. Later his publishing company by that same name was one of the first to print works of Beat poets like William Burroughs and Allen Ginsberg.

Ginsberg's "Howl", which was seized

HSU Performs

Madeleine Hsu, associate professor in piano, will perform at the Founder's Day program of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

The concert is scheduled for Jan. 29 at 1 p.m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. Griffith Bratt, 1020 No. 17th, Boise.

Hsu, who recently received a standing ovation for her performances with the Magic Valley Symphony in Twin Falls, will play solos by J.S. Bach and G. Cziffra.

Anna Holley, a junior at Boise State and student of Hsu's, will join her teacher in a duo-piano number

Adult Shows Set

KAID television has started Saturday morning programming as an adult alternative to children's shows that typically take up that time slot.

"Crockett's Victory Garden" will open the morning at 8:30 a.m., followed by "Wall Street Week" at 9 and "Out 'n About" at 9:30.

"Washington Week in Review" at 10 and "Survival" at 10:30 are next. Then "Ivanhoe," a BBC presentation on the novel by Sir Walter Scott, will air at 11 and "Evening at Symphony" will conclude the morning fare at 11:30.

by customs agents and led to the well-publicized trial of the author, was published by Ferlinghetti.

Unlike many of the Beat poets, Ferlinghetti's work is engaged in politics and society. Poems with topics like billboards, and "automobilized America", are typical of the San Francisco artist,



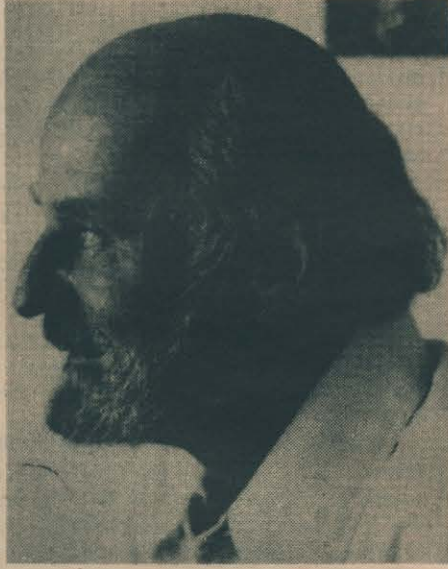
Marge Piercy

says Wright.

Since 1955 he has completed 8 books of poetry, one novel, two plays, three films and four records.

"First Time"

As the person who brought poets, sponsors and money together, Wright says this spring will be the first time so



Lawrence Ferlinghetti

Fontaine Headlines Theatre Festival

Joan Fontaine, one of Hollywood's long-time leading ladies who has headlined on marquees since the 1940's, will be the featured speaker at Boise State University's annual Idaho Invitational Theatre Arts Festival Jan. 27-29.

Fontaine will address over 600 high school students who will attend the two

days of drama competition and workshops. She will speak at 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28 in the SUB Ballroom.

In her long career Fontaine, who is the sister of Olivia DeHavilland, has played with leading men like Cary Grant, Fred Astaire, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., James Stewart, Charles Boyer, Bing Crosby, and Bob Hope. She was Fred Astaire's dance partner after Ginger Rogers.

Among her career that has encompassed over 40 films were leading roles in the film classic "Rebecca" with Lawrence Olivier, and "Something to Live For" with Ray Milland.

She also was featured with Harry Belafonte in "Island in the Sun," a pioneer film on the theme of interracial love in 1957. Her last big movie was in 1961 with "Tender Is the Night."

Boise State's theatre arts department has a full schedule of activities for the 600 young dramatists who will be on campus. It will include a tour of the Speccenter and a report on the London theatre scene from students who just returned from BSU's tour there.

The preppers will also have a chance to sharpen their drama skills through workshops on mime, avant garde dance, filmmaking, vocal interpretation and stage combat.

They will also compete for trophies in music, oral interpretation, solo and duo action acting.

This is the eighth year that BSU has sponsored the festival.

KAID Doubles Pledge Total

KAID more than doubled its pledge total over last year, according to station manager Jack Schlaefle.

The annual pledge week held each December netted \$18,195 in renewals and new memberships for a total of 1,003 pledges, he said. The total last year amounted to \$8,449 and 587 pledges.

Film classics and other special series are paid through the member contributions.

In other Channel 4 news, the station along with the Idaho Public Broadcasting Network has already started coverage of the Legislature.

"Legislature '77" will air each week night starting at 6:30 p.m. The half hour program features news and interviews with legislators along with some debates and special hearings. The show is also broadcast on other Idaho public television stations.

many widely acclaimed poets have come to Boise in one semester.

At least four of the poets are included in anthologies used in BSU classes. The chance for students to meet poets they have read adds "richness and excitement" to the English program here, he says.

"For them to visit classes and do a workshop with our students is a very valuable thing."

The new poetry series is the continuation of several BSU community efforts, Wright explains. Already the university has worked in the "Poetry in the Schools" program. Last year four poets sponsored by a grant from the Idaho Association for the Humanities were at BSU and the Gallery of Art for readings and discussions on man and his environment.

Wright says Boise is ready to receive big name poets like Ferlinghetti and the others scheduled this spring.

"There is a lively scene in poetry here now," he claims. As examples he points to several community activities in poetry.

Of the Wednesday night programs at the art gallery, poetry readings are often the best attended. Readings at the Observer Bookstore on Sundays have also drawn a good audience.

On top of that, Wright credits publications like Idaho Heritage, cold-drill and the Statesman for bringing poetry to the people.

Wright adds that Idaho has at least 4 publishers who print good poetry. "For a state with 8 people per square mile, that could be seen as a lot of involvement."

"Poetry in the Schools", a program that has brought several top rate poets to Boise to work with young students, has also helped the poetic climate in town, he thinks.

The five poets coming this spring should add to the growing interest in the art, he thinks.

The Lineup

Ferlinghetti's appearance will be followed by:

March 9-10: William Matthews of University of Colorado, who has published a book called "Sleek the Long Flight."

March 27-28: Robert Bly, who magazines have exposed Americans to several European and South American poets. He is credited with making the poet felt in politics and founded the American Poets Against the Vietnam War organization. Many of his works have been published by the prestigious Wesleyan Press and he won a National Book Award in 1968 for "The Light Around the Body."

April 13-14: Marge Piercy, who poems have appeared in nearly 100 publications. She is author of the novel "Small Change" and has been active in the women's movement.

May 3-4: Sandra McPherson, from Portland. Her poems have been in several national publications such as Harpers, New Yorker, Esquire and Nation. She has received several awards and fellowships for her poetry.

Focus—People on the Move

In Geology

The annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Denver this November was attended by Dr. Monte Wilson, Dr. Claude Spinosa, Mr. Richard Hardyman, and Mr. Ray Guillemette.

In addition, several students from Boise State University also attended the meeting. These students were Robert Harrison, Kirk Vincent, Lou Gonzalez, Molly Hammil, and Dick Link.

The Society of Exploration Geophysicists met last October in Houston, Texas. That was attended by Dr. James Applegate and Dr. Paul Donaldson.

Applegate presented a paper on the Raft River Geothermal Evaluation. This paper was co-authored by Donaldson and two BSU Geophysics students, David Hinkley and Tawni Wallace.

During September, Applegate was an

invited participant in an International Conference sponsored by the Geological Society of America—Penrose Conference Series.

This special conference was on the evaluation of active faults in relationship to earthquake hazards.

During November, he was an invited guest at the special meeting of the U.S. Geological Survey at the University of Utah at Snowbird, Utah on evaluation of electrical methods used in the geothermal environment.

Also during November, Applegate and Donaldson and some geophysics students visited the University of Utah, and the Colorado School of Mines and associated geological features along the way.

While in the Denver area, the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Geophysics Program at the Colorado School of Mines was attended by Applegate and Donaldson and BSU students Lance

Eggers and Neal Fausett.

During the past fall Dr. Monte Wilson has been very active in meetings of the State Board of Registration for Registered Geologists.

BSU Geology students Kirk Vincent, Prent Kallenburger and Dick Link, who participated in the NSF funded Delamar Project, visited Washington, D.C. during December to present the result of their studies

In Biology

Dr. Marcia Wicklow and some BSU students attended the Stuntz Mushroom Foray held recently in Tillamook, Oregon.

Mycologists and their students meet once annually to collect and discuss the science of mushrooms. Also at the foray were 140 persons from most Western states and Canada.

In Health Sciences

Two BSU respiratory therapy instructors have been elected as officers of the Idaho Society for Respiratory Therapy. They will serve during the 1977 term.

Cathy Phelps, clinical instructor and member of the American Registry of Respiratory Therapists, was elected president of the society after serving a term as president-elect. Ms. Phelps also serves as editor of "Mountain Air", the bi-monthly newsletter sponsored by the ISRT.

Mal Lehman, M.Ed., ARRT, and clinical instructor was elected to serve in the president-elect position.

Lonny Ashworth, a 1976 graduate of the program, was elected alternate-delegate to the National Convention of the American Association for Respiratory Therapy (AART).



Forecasts Unraveled

"High pressure, temperatures below normal, some valley fog with no chance of precipitation."

That's been the standard forecast that announcers have droned for two months in Boise as skiers hope, resort operators pray, and Indians dance for snow.

What's behind all the almost occult lingo tossed out every evening? More important, why won't it snow?

Mario Delisio, BSU geographer and meteorologist, explains.

Weather changes in the West, he says, come when fronts move into the area. They usually slide in when there is low pressure and often bring either rain or snow.

That normally is the pattern. Not this winter.

So far a high pressure center that usually hangs over Wyoming has located over the Gem State.

That has blocked off fronts before they get here from the Pacific coast and shifted them into Canada and then back into the Midwest where they have caused record cold and snow there.

Idaho, in short, has been left high and dry at a time of the year when low pressure and fronts normally bring storms.

Beside the conspicuous absence of snow, high pressure is also the culprit that has caused all the local fog for the past few weeks, says Delisio.

Since clear and dry skies come with high pressure, the daytime sun can heat the earth and cause warm surface air. Snow on the ground then melts and evaporates.

But as soon as the sun goes down, fog creeps out. The warm air escapes into

the atmosphere because there are no clouds to hold it. As the evening air turns cold, it condenses the moisture into fog.

What about the cold snap that sent oil bills out of sight earlier this month? Delisio can answer that one too.

During that period Boise was on the bottom of the high pressure circle that pulled frigid air down from Canada. If Idaho had been on the top of the pressure zone, temperatures would have been warmer due to air coming in from the Southwest.

Everybody may talk about it, but few people really understand what is happening this winter with the Idaho weather, Delisio says. Even professional meteorologists, with their computers and satellites, can't be sure.

It could be caused by a number of variables like pollution, the jet stream or the solar system. Nobody can say for sure.

Delisio adds that the weather everybody is maligning is really part of a normal pattern.

"We live in a marginal or arid area here. There are always climatic extremes . . . in those types of places.

"Sure, it's a dry year. But I've also seen very wet years here. We go through these extremes periodically."

When will it all end and skiers be able to vent their frustrations on a powder covered slope? Delisio doesn't want to turn prophet.

"Really," he confesses, "nobody can say for sure when it will all change. We just don't know that much about it yet."

London Tour Back, Ready To Go Again

One group of BSU students and several area residents have returned from the holidays and school break with an extraordinary learning experience behind them.

Seventeen people, some students and others just along for the trip, returned to Boise early last week from a three week visit to the theatres, museums, landmarks and art institutions of London, England.

The Christmas London Theatre Tour, formulated by Del Corbett and the theatre arts department offered three credits for the educational experience but left participation open to anyone interested, whether university student or not.

What Del called "three weeks of a fantasy experience" proved to be a rewarding educational exposure that touched participants who ranged in age from thirteen to sixty years of age.

Tour participants included several BSU students: Gerry Bryant, Joel Farmer, Seelye Smith, Linda Claiborne, Robert Maughan, Nancy Kokes, and Kerri Gilbertson - all theatre arts majors.

A family of five accompanied the group: Robert and Ann Burr with their three children. Robert is a local government attorney and Ann is a BSU student majoring in English and history.

Two other university students, Lani Joyce, a dance major at BSU and professional bellydancer, and Kim Young, Boise resident and BYU student, also accompanied the group. Anna Spencer, Caldwell resident and seasoned traveler; Dorothy Inglestrom, professional hairdresser from Idaho Falls; and Luey Noble, a retired R.N. and valley homesteader, rounded out the trip list.

Mrs. Spencer, wife of a retired military man has spent much of her life traveling worldwide and offered her comments. "Never before have I felt the true worth of a travel study tour. What a great opportunity for students or anyone to study the theatre. Being able to see first hand what has been read about and studied for so many years is quite an experience."

Off Again!

There is another tour planned this summer break and those attending will spend six weeks in England studying theatre.

Guard Here

Representatives from the Idaho Army National Guard will be at Boise State's Speccenter Thursday, Feb. 3 for a multimedia presentation on that organization.

Titled "100 Years of Volunteers," the show will trace the history of the National Guard in Idaho since 1877. There will also be some historical relics displayed in the Speccenter lobby.

The program will start at 8 p.m. and last about one hour. Admission is free.

Registration deadline for the summer trip which will begin July 15, 1977 has been set for May 1. Cost will be right around \$1,500 for all expenses, barring souvenirs, etc., and a deposit is required for air fare and school credits.

The number of credits is still being arranged, but anyone interested is invited to participate whether they are university students or not. A minimum of twelve students is required for the tour and Mr. Corbett has set fifteen as an optimum number.

"Anyone seriously interested in the tour is urged to contact me at once and reserve a spot, as enthusiasm is high for this trip and the slots will fill up fast," cautioned Del. Already three members of the Christmas tour have expressed desires to participate in the summer tour.

Highlight of the summer trip is



Del Corbett

expected to be two weeks spent in the British Theatre Association Acting School. Another fine point about the trip is that all travel arrangements will be pre-set and the group departs from the Boise Airport, lands in England at the Heathrow Airport and upon return flight comes right back to Boise again.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Del Corbett, BSU Theatre Arts Department, 385-1620.

Energy Shop

Solar energy will be the topic of a workshop set for Feb. 3-6 at the Western Idaho Fairgrounds and do-it-yourself projects promise to draw the most attention from energy conservers.

The workshop is being offered for two credits by BSU at a cost of \$45. Malcolm Lillywhite will instruct the energy sessions that can be taken without college credit for thirty-five dollars.

Mr. Lillywhite has been working for the past four years on the development of education programs on energy for elementary, secondary and adult classes. He has twelve years experience in aerospace industry and worked for the United Nations in drafting techniques for developing nations.

FOCUS—People on the Move

In Business

Dr. Charles Lein is currently serving as chairman of the Management Assistance Committee of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Dr. Lein has also made recent presentations to the following groups: Idaho Motor Transport Association Annual Meeting; Boise Junior League; BSU Chapter, Alpha Kappa Psi; Boise Jaycees; Northwest Transportation Conference; Idaho Association of General Contractors Annual Meeting; Boise Vista Lions Club; Institute of Internal Auditors; Rotary Club of Southwestern Idaho; National Society of Production Inventory Control; Soroptimist Club of Boise; and the BSU/Boise Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast.

Dr. Harold Nix traveled to Chicago, Illinois Jan. 12 through 15 to attend the

American Accounting Association Conference. The conference, sponsored by the Touche-Ross Foundation, is designed to further accounting education by providing accounting faculty members an opportunity to study applications of accounting principles and current accounting and auditing procedures.

Dr. Patrick Shannon, Assistant Professor in the Department of Management and Finance, will have an article published in the January, 1977 issue of the "Journal of Data Education," titled "Regression Analysis: A Research Tool."

In addition, Dr. Shannon co-authored a report prepared for the Pacific Northwest Regional Commission entitled "Pavement Standards for Rural Two-Lane Highways."

In Education

Dr. Jerry Tucker and Dr. Phyllis

Schmaljohn conducted an environmental workshop for Caldwell teachers and parents last month.

Boise State master's degree student Mrs. Charlotte Moore has been named in the 1976 edition of the Outstanding Leaders in Elementary Education. She teaches elementary school in Alabama.

In Music

Dr. Daniel D. Stern, BSU's Conductor-in-Residence, will direct the Boise Philharmonic on Monday, Jan. 31 and Tuesday, February 1 when they present their third series of concerts. On both concert evenings, an outstanding musical program has been designed to highlight the talented musicians of the Boise Philharmonic. Both concerts will be held at Capital High School.

In History

Dr. Warren W. Tozer, Associate Professor of History, has had an article, entitled "Last Bridge to China: The Shanghai Power Company, the Truman Administration and the Chinese Communists," published in the journal, "Diplomatic History."

Dr. Patricia K. Ourada spent the week of Dec. 26 in Washington, D.C. While there, Dr. Ourada worked in the Washington National Records Center at Suitland, Maryland, at the Library of Congress, and in the libraries of the Departments of Interior and Labor.

Dr. Ourada also visited the offices of the National Geographic Society and the American Association of Geographers. She attended one day of sessions of the American Historical Society's 91st Annual Convention.

New EMS Policy Set

The Educational Media Service on campus has decided to get tough this semester on the enforcement of a long standing policy that any bookings for any EMS service must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Cut-off time for EMS is 3 p.m. to accept orders for the following day.

Courses Added To Languages

Foreign language students who also aim for teaching careers will get their special needs met through some significant changes in course methods by the BSU Department of Foreign Languages next year.

Just approved by the university curriculum review agency and the State Board of Education are shifts in teaching style and course content for several "applied linguistics" courses designed for prospective and practicing foreign language teachers.

The new additions are part of the language department's move to degrees in German and Spanish.

Main aim is to expose the language teacher to more "how to teach it" course content than has been available in these courses in the past. Changes will affect courses for teachers of Spanish, German and General Languages.

"Students must understand why some of their students will have difficulties through the interfering forces of their own native language to the learning of a new language . . . they must study specific difficulties and tailor solutions to those problems," say the course designers.

TV Season Had Its High Spots

Television, some claim, is a mirror of society. In the altered lingo of health faddists, we are what we watch.

If that's true, then Americans probably see their lives as one big episode of "All in the Family," symbol of a nation filled with people who constantly yell and scream at each other.

That tongue-in-cheek judgment comes from Dr. Charles Lauterbach, BSU theatre arts professor who teaches a class on television this semester.

Between classes, Lauterbach took a look at the last TV season.

"One thing that stood out in 1976 was repetition . . . the domination of police shows and the situation comedies.

"But at least we've become less racial. Now there seems to be a TV show to offend every minority," he laughs.

"And last year we even saw the invention of moving comic books with shows like 'Wonder Woman.'"

Even if the scripts aren't the greatest, at least comedy as directed in the Norman Lear mode makes people more aware. Social commentary, says Lauterbach, has been a historic role of comedy.

Despite some of television's obvious

low points in 1976 like sports ("Too many statistics") and good guys news ("car accidents mixed with jokes"), Lauterbach admits that some high points were reached last year.

Some of them came with the growing influence of public broadcasting.

"PBS is great because it brings us the best of Britain plus some good productions here."

The popular "Adams Chronicles" were "superb" in Lauterbach's trained eye, which focused on the accurate sets and costumes of that show along with its "excellent characterization."

A breakthrough on the local scene was two public television productions of "Gift of the Magi" and "The Boer."

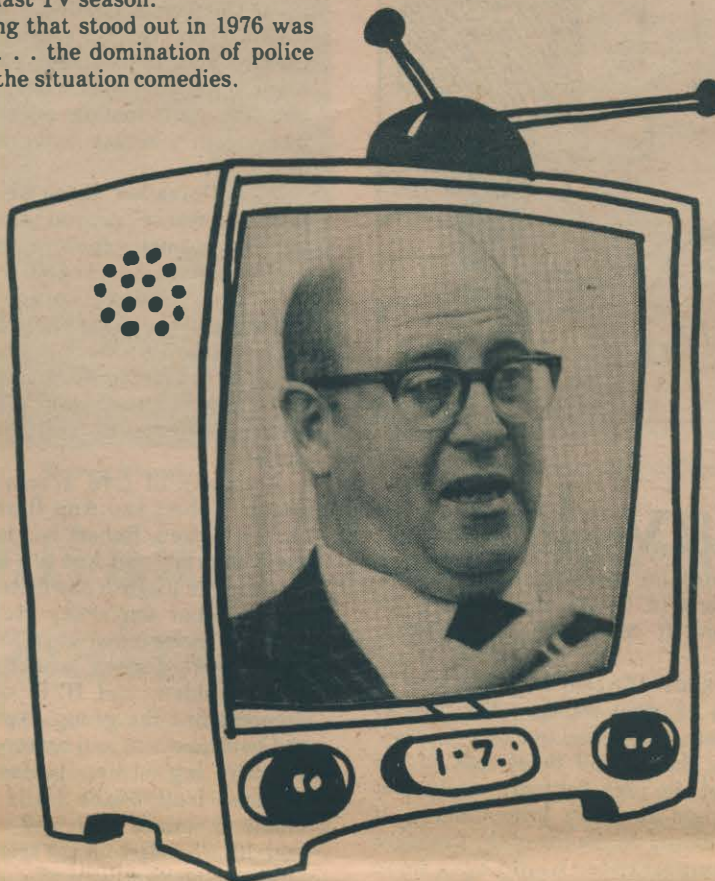
The television novel, another hand-down of a British idea, was another big '76 development. But when television finds a good thing it overdoes it, which is what is happening now with that new format, he thinks.

Talk about television news last year always ended with one topic . . . Barbara Walters, TV's newest superstar. Lauterbach says she has "contributed a great deal, but the networks aren't using her interview skills enough."

The news itself is now going into more depth, and that's good, he adds. No longer are newscasts mere "headline services" as networks realize that news means money. The advent of the magazine format like "60 Minutes" is another good development that was used more often last year.

What is ahead for television watchers in 1977?

Lauterbach sees a mixed picture. On one hand, he thinks the "Roots" production is a good trend toward "eye-opening" drama. On the other hand, he looks for another repetitious year of spin-offs from programs and stars that are already successful.



Bicentennial Breathed Spirit in America

Some call it the biggest commercial hype in history. Others say it was blatantly political.

Whatever the criticisms, the bally-hoed Bicentennial which silently passed into the history books Jan. 1 did shore up the lagging spirit of the country, says American history professor Dr. John Caylor.

Caylor, who was Bicentennial chairman at BSU and served on the state commission, called the nation's 200th birthday party a "tremendous success."

"Frankly, it was better than I expected it to be. We needed something to hold the nation together after Watergate. I think it had a unifying effect."

With history in the limelight for a year, interest in the subject has picked up. Caylor says evidence of that came last spring when his American Heritage tour to the East drew 200 curious high school students. That number doubled the previous high for the trip.

Caylor says the historical emphasis of the Bicentennial probably accounts for

the trip's popularity.

While the celebration was important on the emotional level, Caylor says philosophically it didn't have that much impact.

"I don't think it made people sit down and read the Declaration of Independence or think much about democracy. It really didn't affect people that way . . . it just made us feel better."

Looking back, Caylor says there is no similar event in American history that brought the country together so well.

The 1876 Centennial didn't come close because it was more like a trade fair that focused attention on the nation's mechanical advancements. Nothing was done to raise people's spirits, he says.

Presidential assassinations, the death of FDR and Pearl Harbor were other events that have brought the nation together. But those were negative and didn't bring lasting unity.

What will happen now that things are back to normal after a year of television specials, special events and speeches? Caylor thinks the togetherness will last. "It brought us all closer and that should be with us for quite a while," he says.

Literary Tour Planned

"Make a dream come true! Spend a month this summer on a literary and historical pilgrimage through England and into Scotland."

That's the invitation Boise State English professor Dr. Eunice Wallace issued this week as she announced plans for a summer tour to the sites where the greats of English literature did their work.

The tour will leave the U.S. July 11 and return August 8. Costs include \$449 round trip airfare from San Francisco and complete land costs of \$1185.

All ground transportation is by private bus and includes airport transfers, city tours, local excursions and long over-land travel.

In addition to transportation, the land costs also include rooms, two meals (breakfast and dinner), gratuities and service charges.

The \$1185 price includes "everything but chewing gum and souvenirs," says Wallace.

The itinerary is one that includes all the greats of English literature.

It will start in London (Dickens, Godsmith and Dr. Johnson), go into Chelsea (Carlyle) and through Brighton to Kipling's home.

Stratford (Shakespeare), Yorkshire (Bronte sisters, Charles and John Wesley) and the Lake Country (Words-

worth, Ruskin, Southey, Coleridge and Beatrix Potter whose Peter Rabbit made her famous in literature) will be the next stops.

The tour will also visit Edinburgh, the Robert Burns region and the Walter Scott country near Glasgow, Scotland.

The trip is being arranged by Commonwealth Tours of San Francisco. Dr. Wallace is the BSU coordinator and will also serve as narrator on the trip.

Prospective travelers who want more information can contact her at the BSU English department, phone 385-1246.

W. Vinz On Leave

Boise State has hired a specialist in African history to take over the teaching duties of history chairman Warren Vinz during his second semester leave of absence that will start next month and run into the summer.

Peter Buhler, who received his Ph.D. from University of California-San Diego, will teach two African history classes at BSU this spring.

Buhler comes to BSU from previous teaching duties at Cerro Coso Community College in Ridgecrest, Calif. He did his dissertation on the Volta Region of Ghana: Economic Change in Togoland 1850-1914.

Vinz will do research at the University of California-Berkeley on the history of the church and politics, specializing in Protestant Fundamentalism and politics since the 1930's.

Robert Sims will serve as acting chairman of the department until Vinz returns.

Tax Help

Free income tax assistance will be available for low-income, elderly and other taxpayers each Wednesday until tax deadline, Internal Revenue Service officials announced this week.



Dr. Herbert Ellison

Russia Talk

Dr. Herbert Ellison, author and Russian history specialist, will be at Boise State University Monday, Feb. 7 for a lecture to BSU students and the public.

Ellison's speech on "Behind Dissent, the Tensions in Soviet Society" will start at 7 p.m. in the Nez Perce room of the Student Union Building. There will be no admission charge.

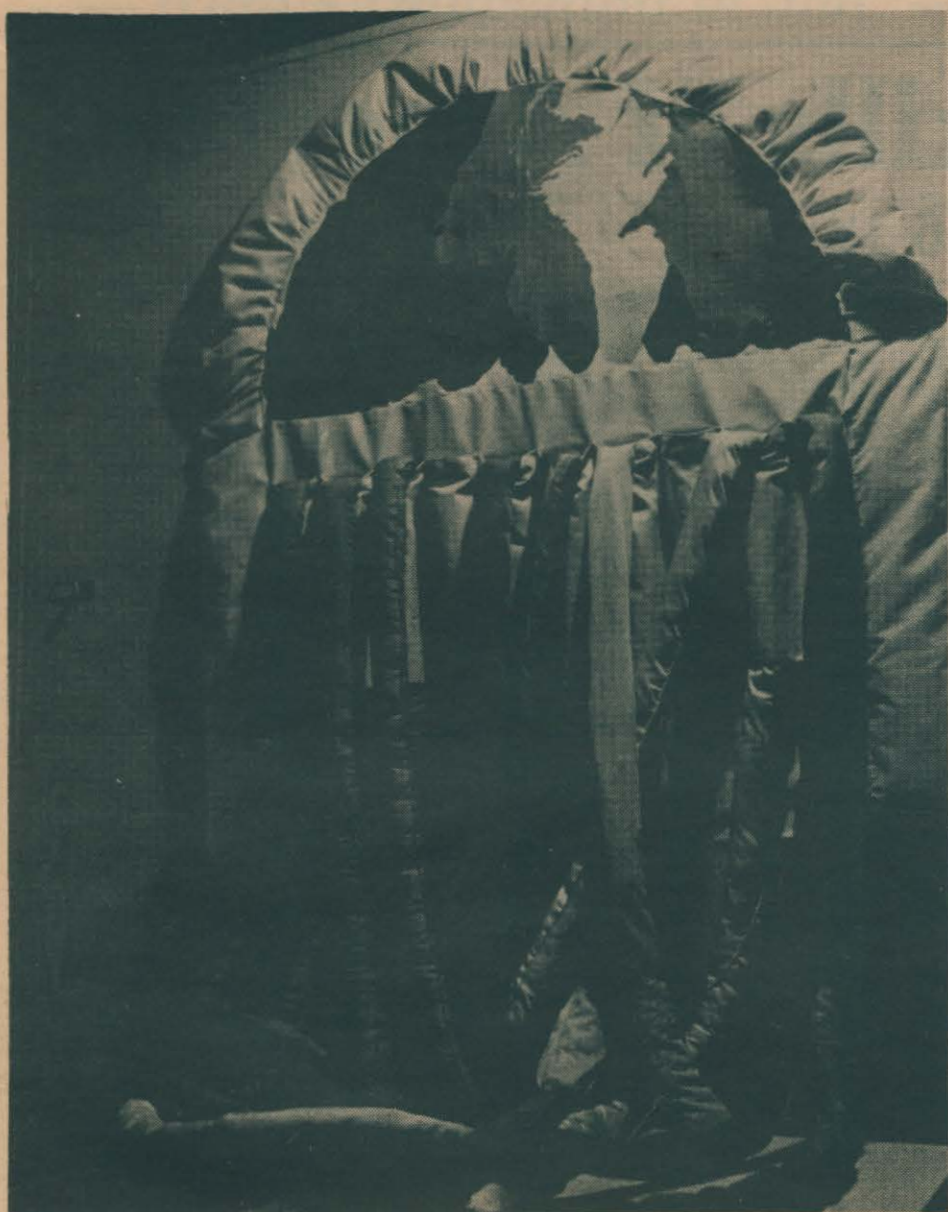
Since 1972 Ellison has been director of the Institute for Comparative and Foreign Area Studies at the University of Washington.

That organization, formerly known as the Far Eastern and Russian Institute, is one of the oldest and largest foreign area studies centers in the country.

He published a widely used book on the history of Russia in 1964 and is about to finish a book on Joseph Stalin. Also in progress is a paper on Soviet agriculture policy in the 1920's.

The Washington professor has twice studied abroad. He received his doctorate at the University of London while on a Fulbright scholarship in 1955. He also studied at Leningrad University in 1963-64.

Ellison will also visit with classes Feb. 7-8. His appearance here is sponsored by the BSU Honors Program and the History Department.



COLORFUL SOFT sculptures by Lela Autio will be on display at the BSU art gallery through the rest of this week. Also featured are small metal works by artists John Church, Robert Engstrom, Gail Larsen and Karen Thomas. Next exhibit in the gallery will be figure drawings by Earl Jones. It will start Feb. 4 and run through Feb. 25.

New Ed Certification Helps Kids: Wallace

Students are the ones who will benefit most from a new set of teacher certification proposals now under consideration in Idaho, says Boise State education dean Dr. Gerald Wallace.

Presently plans are being studied that will change certification standards to require more post-graduate education for elementary and secondary teachers. Those ideas are expected to come before the State Board of Education this spring.

Wallace, who served on the Professional Standards Committee which helped outline the changes, says the public wants quality in learning. Higher teacher standards, which haven't changed since 1942, are the best way to get that, he says.

As Wallace explains it, under the proposal newly graduated teachers will receive a three year certificate that can be renewed again in three years. After six years, the teacher must have earned a fifth year certificate or master's degree to be issued a professional certificate. That certificate will last five years.

The professional certificate can be renewed only after more education and experience. Teachers already certified will receive the professional status.

Wallace stresses that individual teachers will work closely with universities to plan an educational program that will lead to professional certification. The idea, he says, is to keep teachers "mobile and updated" in their methods and subject areas.

For many districts, the new certification proposals could mean more in-service workshops that will feature university professors who travel to smaller communities to teach classes.

"I like that because districts can set up programs that meet their own needs," says Wallace.

Built into the proposal are some ideas that will make higher education attentive, he points out. The State Board of Education under national C-351 guidelines, will accredit education schools every five years.

"We need to have that kind of jog to make sure we do a good job too," he says.

In his statewide travels, the BSU dean has observed that teachers usually want to upgrade themselves. Many are doing it already. "Most want to do a better job for their students," he says.

If approved, the success of the new certification requirements will "rest with the kinds of programs we can come up with. That's our challenge," Wallace concludes.

New Member

New membership in the Northwest's most important educational sciences research project will be virtually assured for Boise State University after action permitting that membership by the State Board of Higher Education.

BSU has already cleared other negotiations that will allow it to be a member school in the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory. Idaho University and Idaho State University are already members of the operation.

Operating on contracts with public and private agencies, the laboratory collects experts from all major Northwest Schools of Education to carry out applied research and service projects.

Current Executive Director of the laboratory is Dr. Lawrence Fish, who has been working with BSU School of Education Dean Dr. Gerald Wallace on the BSU admission project.

Top Three Lit Mags Includes 'cold drill'

If Boise State's student literary magazine "cold-drill" had an office, the walls would be cluttered with plaques and certificates from honors the 1976 edition continues to amass.

News of the latest award comes from officials of the College Literary Magazine Contest headquartered in New York City. Judges in that contest gave the BSU entry a second place prize worth \$200.

That finish put "cold-drill" among the top three magazines in the country. It was topped only by the entry from Wis-

consin State University and it tied with the Sarah Lawrence College publication.

A field of 85 magazines, including those from University of Washington, Washington University, Rutgers, Oberlin, North Carolina State, and University of San Francisco were judged.

The newest honor goes along with earlier top finishes in other contests. They include:

—Top four rating nationally in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Yearbook and Critique Contest sponsored by Columbia University in New York.

—National Merit Award for Design Excellence from the University and College Designers Association in the complete book design category.

Ahsahta In Contest

Boise State University's Ahsahta Press has been invited by the Academy of American Poets to submit their first volume of poetry, "The Selected Poetry of Norman Macleod," in the Academy's annual \$10,000 Copernicus Award competition.

The Copernicus Award honors the lifetime achievement of a poet over 45.

Macleod, born in Salem, Oregon in 1906, and raised in Montana and Idaho, published in numerous western literary journals before going East, where he has authored 5 books of poetry, 2 novels, and edited numerous "Little Magazines."

In the 1940's, Macleod founded the New York City Poetry Center. In 1975 Ahsahta published his "Selected Poems"; the volume is now in its second printing.

The American Academy of Poets, based in New York, does not accept nominations or applications for the Copernicus Award. Rather, a three-judge panel requests volumes by authors they consider meritorious. Judges for the 1977 competition are nationally-known poets Galway Kinnel, William Meredith, and Josephine Miles.

Another Ahsahta Press publication, the recently released "Taste of the Knife" by South Dakota poet Marnie Walsh, has been entered in the 1976 Elliston Book Award competition sponsored by the University of Cincinnati.

The Elliston Award provides \$1,000 to be divided evenly between the winning author and press.

BSU-ISU Ed Pact Sealed

Inter-state higher education cooperation on an Idaho multi-cultural teaching problem moved forward another notch this month with signature of an agreement between BSU and ISU schools of education.

BSU has agreed to pay \$33-thousand to Idaho State University to employ and maintain an office for a Southeastern Idaho expert in multi-cultural and bilingual teacher training.

Working under a federal grant program administered by BSU School of Education, the coordinator-trainer will help Southeastern Idaho elementary and secondary schools upgrade their own teacher aid staffs in ability to communicate with students with cultural and language learning barriers.

The aids will take classes leading toward teacher certification.

Idaho's public schools have come under increasing pressure to do a better teaching job for cultural minority groups who make up a significant part of the student body in public schools.

Most notably, learning problems have been experienced by Spanish-speaking students who are part of Idaho's migrant labor society. BSU's project is aimed at research on better ways to get basic school material across the culture and language barriers—then teach the teachers to use these systems.

Physics Fund

In a move aimed at development of a four-year program yielding a B.S. degree in Physics by 1980, Boise State University will seek federal help to pay faculty salaries required for the expansion project.

Course work in Physics and Engineering are currently offered here as non-degree programs within the overall baccalaureate degree programs of other science and education disciplines.

Application will be made to the National Science Foundation for a three-year series of funding of about \$40-thousand per year. One new faculty member, a science instruction technician and salary supplements to existing staffers will be covered by the funds.

BSU will budget some of its own dollars for the program, based on a formula of one-third BSU contribution to each federal dollar granted for the three years.

At the close of the development period of three years, two full-time faculty members would be retained to fill out staffing for the four-year program.

Land Lease OK

In a modification of their earlier charge to the university, the State Board of Higher Education has authorized location of the new BSU greenhouses for horticulture on land that will be leased, rather than owned outright by the institution.

Action to change terms of the greenhouse land use came when BSU notified the board that current owners of the land on which the structures would be located were willing to lease, but not deed over, the necessary site.

Land owner is the Boise State University Foundation, Inc. Foundation Directors voted to give BSU a five year lease on a 200 x 400 foot parcel of land about five blocks from the BSU campus proper for greenhouse location.

That lease would be renewable, automatically, at the close of each five year period, BSU officials advised the board.

Chartres Expert Coming

Malcolm Miller, guide-lecturer and authority on the famous cathedral in the French city of Chartres, has scheduled a visit to Boise State University in late February.

Miller will present slides and lecture on the Gothic cathedral that he has studied since becoming a guide there in 1958.

History department officials have tentatively set a Feb. 23 date for Miller's evening lecture, but the exact time and place have yet to be set. Details will be announced in the next Focus.

Miller annually tours universities in the U.S., France, Canada and England to present his lecture on Chartres.

Vo-Ed Builds 'Skills of America'

BSU Open House Feb. 6-12 Everyone Invited



PRACTICAL NURSING classes drew the interest of a record eight men when the PN program began a new session this month. Pictured are the nursing students [sitting l-r]: Gary Holland from California; Mike Rinker, Boise; Randy Chadwell, Mountain Home; and Rod Golay, McCall. Standing [l-r] are: Mike Logue, Boise; Steve Flake, Gooding; Kelly Price, Boise; and Dan Bixler, Boise.

Nursing Just for Gals? Ask Them!

By Kim Rogers

Remember when all little girls wanted to grow up to be a nurse or school teacher and boys wanted the excitement of fighting fires or driving trucks? Thanks to pioneering liberalist parents and friends, those old rules are quickly falling to the wayside.

The trend toward role switching among men and women has been acknowledged many times on the BSU campus, particularly in the vo-tech school where many women are entering worlds previously dominated by males.

Spring semester brought together eight men who are role switching in one of the toughest short-term courses on campus. The practical nursing training, which lasts one rough year, has attracted some male members in the past, but according to PN instructors, three men in training at one time was the all time high.

The men all have one thing in common: to enter the health sciences field on the nursing end. They come from varying backgrounds, job experience, and all

have goals that branch out in the health field.

Randy Chadwell from Mountain Home found himself in practical nursing training when all slots for registered nursing were filled. He served as an x-ray technician in the service and has accumulated quite a number of hours in studying biology and other sciences.

Mike Rinker, a former lab technician in the service, plans to continue his studies, possibly going on to the RN training. His main objective for entering the health field was, "To get involved directly with patients."

A Gooding native, Steve Flake also spent time in the service as a medic in the army. He expressed a desire to have closer contact with people in the practical nursing area.

Rod Golay from McCall spent seven years working in the nursing home field. He plans to continue his training through the registered nursing program and hopes to eventually work overseas.

Imported from California, Gary Holland credits his student nursing friends

with sparking the interest in him to obtain total health care skills.

Mike Logue says he likes working with people and the two years he spent as a nurses assistant launched him in the health field for a career in nursing.

Kelly Price who worked with hospitals and convalescent centers as an emergency medical technician hopes to continue his nursing studies and also enjoyed working directly with patients.

Instructors in the practical nursing class are pleased with the male population and visualize numerous opportunities for learning experiences with a mixed student enrollment.

The only foreseeable trouble in the long year ahead according to one instructor is the embarrassment that might arise when students learn how to bathe and dress patients. There might be some saving grace for those very young and new women students, however. The instructors are thinking about having segregated bathing lessons, but just for initial training!

ACT New Test Tool

Boise State was the site of the regional ACT meeting and introductory ground for a new tool developed by ACT personnel that was presented Jan. 6-7.

Adult Basic Education director Helen Huff called the meeting "a great experience for area educators that will be involved in the implementation of the new ACT developed program." The regional meeting drew participants from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho including the state directors of Adult Basic Education from each region as well as program coordinators from across the country.

The new "tool" developed by the American College Testing service is titled APL - adult performance level - and is based on an adult practical literacy study that was completed in 1975 at the University of Texas by the Office of Education.

Chief presenter of the new testing device was Thomas Mann, staff member of the ACT organization and Outstanding Educator of Adult Educators in the United States in 1976.



Chicken Fricassee With Rice

When the snow is on the ground and the air is frosty, we are always looking for new and interesting items to serve for dinner. Something that will fill the tummy and excite our senses and warm our bodies.

Chicken Fricassee with Rice
Sprinkle a 4½ to 5 pound chicken, cut

into serving pieces, with ½ teaspoon thyme and salt and pepper. In a large skillet cook the chicken in ¼ cup of butter over moderately high heat until it is slightly browned.

Transfer the chicken to a dish, reserving ½ cup of the fat in the pan, and keep it warm. Add to the pan one onion, minced, and saute until it is softened. Add the chicken and cook it for ten minutes. Sprinkle the chicken with ¼ cup of flour, turn it to coat with the flour and cook for another ten minutes.

Add one cup dry white wine and cook the chicken for five minutes more. Add four cups chicken stock or broth, heated and a bouquet garni composed of two stalks celery, three sprigs parsley, and one small bay leaf. Bring the liquid to a boil and simmer the mixture over a moderately low heat for ten minutes.

Sprinkle in one cup long grain rice, bring the liquid to a boil and bake the mixture covered in a pre-heated moderate oven (350 degrees F) for thirty-five minutes or until the chicken and rice are tender. In a small bowl whisk two egg yolks with ½ cup heavy cream, whisk some of the sauce into the egg mixture and stir into the remaining sauce.

Heat the fricassee, but do not let it boil. Garnish the dish with four large carrots and three turnips, all cut into olive shapes, cooked, and tossed lightly with butter.

V-T Updates Courses

Vo-tech planners have recently implemented a pilot course in basic auto mechanics that is designed to lay the ground-work for a brand new concept in mechanics instruction at BSU.

The new concept calls for a curriculum that will graduate more students in a shorter time and allow for various levels of instruction that give high school students course challenge opportunity.

With "one hundred percent" support from area industrialists, vo-tech leaders hired Charlie "Mike" Mikesell as instructor for the basics course pilot which began in October.

The on-going demand for highly trained auto mechanics has also registered a need for quicker output of graduates from BSU's program. To facilitate that challenge, the new mechanics format will allow classes to begin every eight weeks and give more students the opportunity to enter the course.

One of the main advantages of the program that begins with a basic course is that high school students who have already taken shop in the secondary school system can challenge the first level of instruction and earn college credits for their knowledge.

Prior to implementation of the improved class format, high school students weren't able to by-pass any level of instruction, whether they had already learned the material or not.

State Board approval for implementation of the basic course plus one full-time instructor came nearly five years after the vo-tech school began planning the switch in the mechanics curriculum. "We are only in the beginning stages of program change," John Haydon, auto mechanics instructor, commented.

Construction Updates

Modernizing crept up from the auto mechanics shop through the electronics lab and ended in the dental facilities over Christmas break when those hammer-swinging BSU carpenters applied their skills to update some vo-tech facilities.

Cosmetic change can be seen in the implementation of some major new tools in the auto shops; large desks for more workroom in the electronics labs - built courtesy of the electronics instructors; and the all new dental lab and x-ray facilities in Jean MacInnis' world.

The ultra-modern dental facilities include a new chair with sit-down lamp and cart plus an additional enclosed lab with all lead lined walls and viewing window. To better utilize the modern labs and give students more practicing hours, a new automatic film developer has been installed.

Dental OKed

One more full degree program at Boise State University has received the important "full approval" stamp from a professional accreditation agency. Dental Assisting, a two-year certificate program that has been heavily supported by Idaho dentists and laboratories who hire its graduates in large numbers, won its new accreditation rating this month.

A letter indicating that approval was received from the American Dental Society, which operates a commission to investigate, evaluate and accredit acceptable dental training programs.

What's Happening in Jan. — Feb.

Tuesday, Jan. 25
Student Senate, 3:30 p.m., Student Senate Chambers, SUB

Wednesday, Jan. 26
I.R.S. assistance available, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., SUB lobby

Thursday, Jan. 27
Theatre Arts Festival on campus

Friday, Jan. 28
Basketball, Broncos vs. Weber State at home, 8 p.m., Gym
Foreign Film, "The Lost Honor of Katharina Blum", Germany, plus short, 7 p.m., SEC
Theatre Arts Festival on campus
Lecturer, Joan Fontaine, 8 p.m., Ballroom

Saturday, Jan. 29
Basketball, Broncos vs. Northern Arizona Univ. at home, 8 p.m., Gym
Theatre Arts Festival on campus

Sunday, Jan. 30
Pop Film, "Three Days of the Condor", 8 p.m., SEC

Monday, Jan. 31
Boise Philharmonic, directed by BSU's Daniel Stern, performs works of Bernstein, Gabrielli, Debussy, Chabrier, plus Beethoven's Sixth Symphony ("Pastoral"); 7:30 p.m., Capital High School

Tuesday, Feb. 1
Student Senate, 3:30 p.m., Student Senate Chambers, SUB
Academic scholarship forms for 77-78 due at Career & Financial Services Office
Boise Philharmonic performs at Capital High School, 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 2
Lecture, Frederic Storaska, "How To Say 'No' To A Rapist And Survive", popular lecturer and author, 8 p.m., SUB Ballroom, BSU students free, general admission \$1.00
I.R.S. assistance available, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., SUB lobby
Wrestling, Broncos vs. Washington State at home, 7:30 p.m., Gym

Thursday, Feb. 3
Basketball, Broncos vs. Weber State at Ogden National Guard multi-media history presentation and display, 8 p.m. at SEC, no charge
Faculty Senate, 3:10 p.m., Student Senate Chambers, SUB
Concert, Mission Mountain, 8 p.m., SUB Ballroom
Wrestling, Broncos vs. Portland State at home, 7:30 p.m., Gym

Friday, Feb. 4
Foreign Film, "The Romantic Englishwoman", Great Britain, plus short, 7 p.m., SEC

Saturday, Feb. 5
Basketball, Broncos vs. Northern Arizona at Flagstaff
Wrestling, Broncos vs. Brigham Young at home, 7:30 p.m., Gym

Sunday, Feb. 6
Pop Film, "The Devils", 8 p.m., SEC

Monday, Feb. 7
Lecture, Dr. Herbert J. Ellison, "Behind Dissent: The Tensions in Soviet Society," 7 p.m., Nez Perce Room, SUB

Tuesday, Feb. 8
Student Senate, 3:30 p.m., Student Senate Chambers, SUB

Wednesday, Feb. 9
I.R.S. assistance available, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., SUB Lobby

Thursday, Feb. 10
Lecture, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, poet, 8 p.m., SEC, free

Friday, Feb. 11
Basketball, Broncos vs. University of Montana at home, 8 p.m., Gym
Foreign Film, "James Joyce, Ulysses", Great Britain (Strick), plus short, 7 p.m., SEC
Wrestling, New Mexico Tourney

Saturday, Feb. 12
Basketball, Broncos vs. Montana State at home, 8 p.m., Gym
Wrestling, New Mexico Tourney

Sunday, Feb. 13
Pop Film, "Lucky Lady", 8 p.m., SEC

Tuesday, Feb. 15
Student Senate, 3:30 p.m., Student Senate Chambers, SUB

Wednesday, Feb. 16
I.R.S. assistance available, 10-6, SUB Lobby

Thursday, Feb. 17
Faculty Senate, 3:10 p.m., Student Senate Chambers, SUB

Friday, Feb. 18
Foreign Film, "The Peach Thief", Bulgaria (Radev) plus short, 7 p.m., SEC
Basketball, Broncos vs. Univ. of Montana at Missoula
Opening, "The Birthday Party", a drama by Harold Pinter, at Subal Theatre
Faculty Recital, Catherine Elliott, mezzo-soprano; Madeleine Hsu, piano; 8:15 p.m., Music Auditorium

Saturday, Feb. 19
Basketball, Broncos vs. Montana State at Bozeman
"The Birthday Party" continues at Subal Theatre
Wrestling, Broncos vs. Weber State at home, 3 p.m., Gym

Sunday, Feb. 20
Wind Ensemble Concert, 8:15 p.m., Music Auditorium
Pop Film, "The Great Waldo Pepper", 8 p.m., SEC
"The Birthday Party" continues at Subal Theatre

Everyone's Got 'Right To Read' In Adult Ed

By Kim Rogers

Adult Basic Education at BSU is more than just another tutoring program or testing area. The ABE center, under the direction of Helen Huff, is a warm, homey place that is a cross between a library, testing center, tutoring facility and meeting place for sharing small talk.

The center's business is meeting different needs for different people. Some come to bolster their reading skills, learn how to drive or communicate better. Others come to learn the joys of sharing with their children as they head down that avenue for acquiring better parenting skills.

Many programs are initiated at the ABE center in the round vocational technical building, but few stay within the confines of the center itself. Each is worth reporting because many people benefit from the numerous services offered through the center.

One ABE function will be presented this month with two additional reports to follow in February and March.

Right-To-Read

The Right-To-Read program is an extension of the adult education offering at BSU. Designed to give every U.S.

citizen a right to learn the basic skills of reading, the national program is given "seed" money through various grants but relies heavily on community involvement and volunteer support.

In addition to community support through volunteer workers such as RSVP members and the tutors themselves, further help is given the Right-To-Read Program through private donors such as the Columbian Club of Boise, Boise Cascade Corporation, the Gannett Foundation, and the Idaho Daily Statesman.

Reading instruction is aimed at each individual's own rate of progress. It is not given at the Dick and Jane level, but is designed to enable the laborer to read work instructions, catalogs and newspapers and let the housewife order from Sears and read labels at the grocery store.

Various material is used for instruction, including consumer pamphlets that feature such items as credit, car maintenance, or budget analysis. Students also can bring material that they would like to be able to read and that serves as a pivot point for instruction.

As one of only 82 institutions to receive grant money for the Right-To-Read program, BSU puts its \$76,000 from the first year of a three year grant to good use throughout southwestern Idaho. Service regions for the satellite programs include Payette, Nampa, Caldwell, Emmett, Mountain Home, McCall, Horseshoe Bend, and the Idaho Correctional Institute.

Each service region also draws students from surrounding smaller towns and farm areas. Directors for the Right-To-Read program in each region have their home equipped with a telephone to

respond to the needs of reading students in their program.

Beth Miller, director of the service, explained, "We use volunteers as tutors for the reading program and they come from all walks of life—retired school teachers, homemakers, former GED students, and anyone interested in helping others are welcome as tutors. To me this makes the program pretty special - to organize your whole program around volunteers."

"Another unique point about the reading service is that the tutoring can be done whenever and wherever the student desires. They can be taught at their home, worksite, the library and even in church if they wish."

"The student has his choice of time and place for the tutoring. That way he is comfortable and will be more open for learning. We try to match tutors and students according to their schedules."

Even though anyone interested can volunteer for tutoring service, a close monitor is kept on the progress of the tutor and student and a specialized training session equips the tutor with basic skills needed to carry out his service.

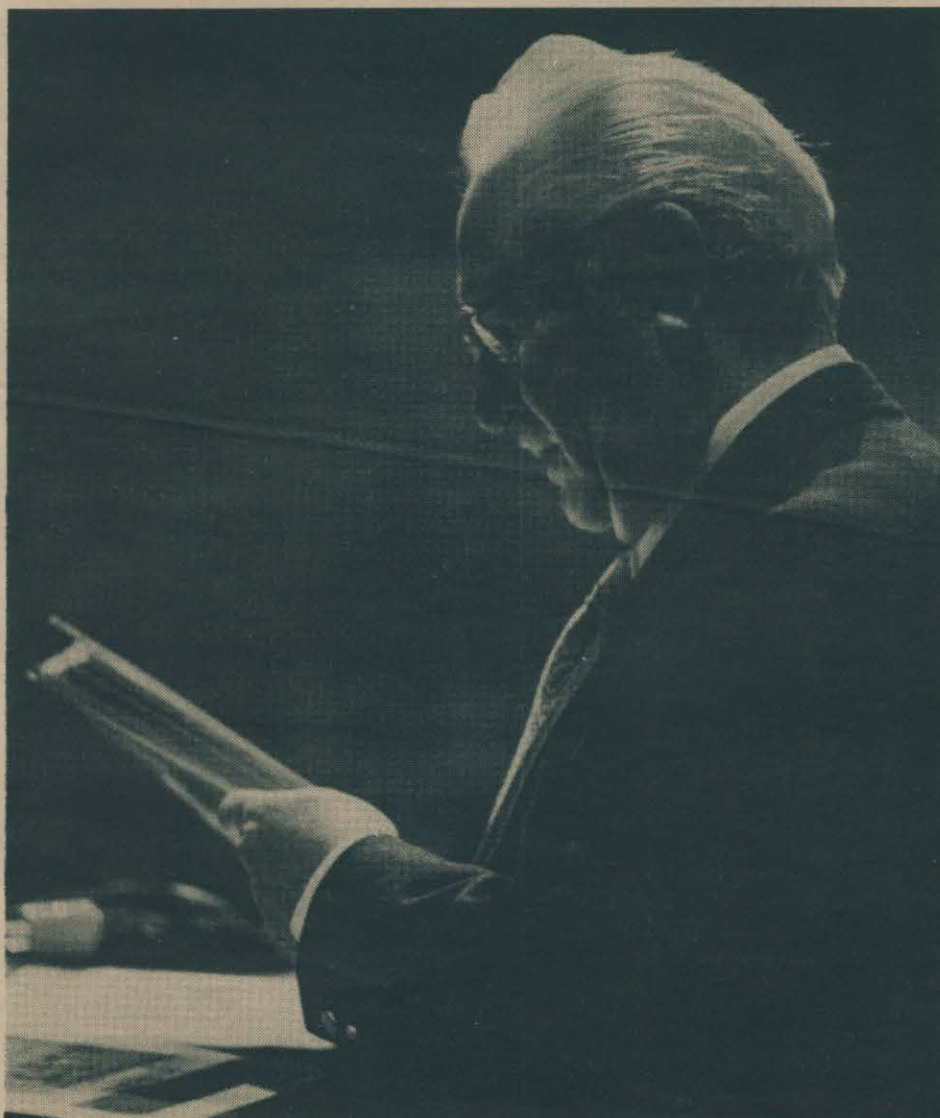
Credit may be obtained for participating in the tutoring training program, but the course is mainly offered to head volunteers in the right direction. Instruction in the reading process and how to pass that on to the student is considered a great benefit in the reading program as well as giving the tutors valuable knowledge that they can always retain, according to Ms. Miller.

Twenty hours of classroom training are required before the tutor is allowed to begin instruction. Progress is monitored by follow-up sessions that involve both the tutor and student.

Volunteer recruitment is usually accomplished by word of mouth and from referrals that area agencies send to the center. Anyone interested in the tutoring program can call Beth Miller or Rick Boyington at 342-7192.

According to Beth, the most important aspect of the Right-To-Read program is that both tutors and students alike are learning more about reading skills. "Everyone can learn to read," she explained. "I haven't found anyone yet who couldn't learn to read something."

"Our learning program is structured around each individual and his goals," Beth explained. "If a student wants to learn how to read the Frederick's of Hollywood catalog (as one woman desired), then that is where we begin. Hopefully, after the student learns to read his own material then we can influence him to read a wider range of material."



OPERA SOLOIST Dr. Ralph Appelman from Indiana University was at Boise State earlier this month for a two day voice clinic hosted by the BSU Music Department.

Writing Course

An important writing course for people heading to business and scientific fields has won acceptance by the State Board of Education for inclusion in the BSU English curriculum soon.

Titled "Technical Writing", the course is called "a rigorous course which emphasizes precise and lucid statement, accurate reporting and interpreting of data, and careful control of tone."

It is actually a split-off, at BSU, of material teachers attempted to include in the traditional "Advanced Composition" course.

But that system developed conflicts between the highly-demanding material of the technical writing series and "art composition" also required. Students who were already "good writers" were demanding more directed practice and theory, beyond the pace required for other, less apt students.

Technical Writing will provide a study and practice sequence for students able to handle such material, leaving Advanced Composition for those with need of emphasis on fundamentals of advanced composition.

It will be an option for those heading to English or Communication degrees, but will also be an important course as elective or requirement for BSU's other schools of learning.

While Students Voted 'Go', Focus On The Report....

Boise State spring semester students had some extra problems to discuss and ponder earlier this month. Besides the usual huddles of students checking "which section did you get?" as they worked out class schedules in the gym, there was the key questionnaire on their preference for a possible student-backed building project soon.

Most puzzled briefly, marked their questionnaires in favor of a multi-purpose pavilion which is a major subject of stories on pages one, two and three of this edition of Focus.

Registration, itself, was observed by Focus (page three) as were several new course wrinkles that are reported on pages 14-16.

A surprising set of figures shed new light to BSU legislative funding troubles of recent years. Focus covered debates about that (pages three-four) and talks more on the topic, editorially (page twelve).

It should keep readers informed until the ice melts. Enjoy!



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